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Moving forward in privatization

I hope this issue of *Veritas* finds you and your loved ones healthy and in good spirits following a year of uncertainty. It has been challenging for many of us, but as the country starts to open up, it is time to start looking towards the future.

Selwyn House School became a fully private school as of July 1, 2021. The decision was made to forego any form of government funding a couple of years ago.

The government provides a grant to each school, based on the number of students in the secondary school. This is meant to help defray the costs of school, but at the same time, it requires that all students have a Certificate of Eligibility in order to study in an English institution like Selwyn House. This means that many members of the Montreal community could not even apply to Selwyn House, or any English-language school, and each year some of our Elementary School students were required to leave Selwyn House at the end of Grade 6 and move to a French school.

Let's take a step back and look at our history. Selwyn House School began its life as a private enterprise founded in 1908 by Algernon Lucas. In 1912, Lucas transferred his ownership in the school to his friend and business partner, C. C. Macaulay, who re-named the school "Selwyn House" after their shared alma mater at Cambridge University. Macaulay, in turn, sold it in 1929 to G. H. T. Wanstell, who died without a will in 1945 while still Headmaster.

Faced with the risk of losing their school, a group of parents and Old Boys formed a corporation that took over ownership of the school and hired Robert Speirs as their new headmaster. Selwyn House Association was officially formed in 1945. In 1973 the school started to receive grants from the government under Bill 50, which was created to provide money to help cover costs for high-school students.

The decision to forego any form of government funding is an opportunity for Selwyn House to open its doors wider



Michael Downey, Headmaster

than ever before. A potential student no longer requires an English Eligibility Certificate to attend Selwyn House. This means that we can now open our doors to every student in the city and around the world.

"The decision to forego any form of government funding is an opportunity for Selwyn House to open its doors."

On July 1, 2021, a new era began at Selwyn House School as we started our journey in privatization. "In foregoing government subsidies, more students who were previously not eligible to experience a Selwyn education can now benefit from all we have to offer," says Selwyn House Association Board Chair Michael Avedesian.

"Our student body will increasingly reflect the diversity of Montreal, which

means we can remain accessible to the community, providing more financial assistance, allowing students from all walks of life to attend."

Former Headmaster Hal Hannaford introduced the Vision Statement that our school motto, *Veritas* (truth), should be interpreted as a call for every student to embody the qualities of being true to himself, true to others, and true to his school. We want our students to be respectful, resilient and hard-working young men who pursue fulfilled, balanced and purposeful lives anchored by Selwyn *Veritas*.

This year, we have added a fourth pillar of truth to our Vision Statement. We want our boys to be true to themselves, true to others, true to their school and, now, true to their world, through integrity, leadership, partnership and justice.

As a school, we believe we should be producing global citizens. Our students should be prepared to be the next leaders of the world. They need to be ready to deal with whatever they come across.

This starts with the school, where we need to be modeling and teaching the behaviours, skills and ingenuity that they will need in order to be successful. They need to be part of diverse classes to fully learn about and respect everyone, regardless of religious backgrounds, ethnicity, socio-economic status or sexual orientation. We expect our men to go out into the world, lead by example, work hard and be good people.

The COVID-19 pandemic has shown us that the world is a very small and interconnected place, but at the same time, it taught us the true meaning of community. Our theme was "Stronger Together," which resonated with the students throughout the year, with every adult and child in the school wearing their "Stronger Together" t-shirt with pride. We are all very fortunate to be part of such a caring Selwyn House family. We were stronger together, and we were all in this together. And we made it! The future is looking bright!

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les portes et les esprits



THE PATH
FORWARD
Our campaign to open
doors and open minds

Message from the Campaign Co-Chairs

Selwyn House is a great school, on so many levels. It offers a rigorous academic program, unique experiential learning opportunities, and a warm and caring atmosphere. It's a place where boys thrive. With your support, Selwyn House will become even better.

We are extremely proud to be leading "The Path Forward: Our campaign to open doors and open minds." This fundraising campaign is going to allow Selwyn House to welcome boys from all backgrounds and walks of life and to create programs that broaden our boys' appreciation of the world around them.

There are many good reasons to give to the campaign, and Selwyn House teachers and staff members explain them best (see following page). Opening doors and opening minds is going to make Selwyn House an even better school for current and future generations.

We and the members of the campaign team look forward to telling you more over the next few months. We invite you to participate and join us on this exciting path forward.

Vincenzo Guzzo '86
Parent of: Angelo (2015), Vittorio (2017),
Vito (2022), Delano (2026)

Mark L. Smith
Parent of: Michael (2010), David (2012),
Patrick (2014)



Committee Chairs Mark Smith, left, and Vincenzo Guzzo '86, right,
with Headmaster Michael Downey

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What open doors and minds means to our teachers

“I’m looking forward to Selwyn House becoming a fully independent school. We are embarking on a new and exciting chapter of our history.

I’d like to think of it as our Renaissance.”

— *Sebastien Lajoie, Head of Middle School*

“Greater diversity in the classroom will bring about greater sharing of ideas and perspectives.”

— *Michael Zackon, Head of Elementary English Department*

“Having students from more backgrounds allows us to share in the diversity of life, help students understand that their experience is not the only reality, makes us more empathetic, and breaks down barriers to equality.”

— *Alex Becker, Head of Music Department*

“Selwyn House can be accessible by everyone in the city, everyone in the province, everyone in the country and all around the world. Who knows what the possibilities are?”

— *Anthony Lukca, Physical Education Teacher and Coach*

“Ça va nous permettre de représenter la vraie vie. SHS deviendra une communauté plus représentative du monde extérieur.”

— *Julie Côté, Spécialiste en musique et professeur d’informatique*



“I’m really looking forward to building a strong community where students will be able to continue on from Elementary School through to Grade 7, graduate in Grade 11 and that we’ve been part of their family.”

— *Kathy Funamoto, Head of Elementary School & Alumni Parent*

“When we eliminate the need for an eligibility certificate and boost our financial assistance, we’ll be able to welcome boys from even more backgrounds and communities, and our school will better reflect the amazingly diverse city we live in.”

— *Haneefa Corbie, Head of Middle School Science*

“Selwyn House can give opportunities to young men regardless of where they’re from, what language they speak at home or their financial status.”

— *Neil Banerjee, Head of Senior School*

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and Rody Yared

Keeping everyone safe and secure

By Brenda Montgomery
Director, Academic Innovation & Growth
Selwyn House School

As I look back on the 2020-2021 academic year, I believe Selwyn House School managed the COVID-19 pandemic exceptionally well.

In March of 2020, at the beginning of the pandemic, everyone was in turmoil. Nevertheless, Selwyn House quickly adapted to an online learning program, and I am very proud of our teachers and students for persevering during this strange and unsettling time.

We had few cases of COVID—not as many absences and interruptions as we had originally expected—and we managed to educate our students and move through the curriculum almost to the same extent as in a regular year. While some luck was involved, I credit our school's Health and Safety Protocols for keeping everyone safe and feeling secure.

The Senior Administration Team at Selwyn House worked non-stop during the summer of 2020 to develop a way to open the school safely for all students while also keeping everyone else safe. Of course, we also had to follow all the regulations from Santé Québec and the Québec Ministry of Education, which changed almost daily.

I believe that everyone took very, very seriously their responsibility to open the school safely and remain vigilant. We understood the severity of the illness and the speed with which COVID-19 can spread.

We were told by the Québec government that we could not bring all of the Senior School students back into the school unless they were kept isolated in class bubbles and mini-pods within each bubble. Trying to also maintain a student's class selections (arts, options, sciences, math, etc.) made this a difficult task.

I was incredibly pleased that we were able to devise a plan to bring all of the students back on a staggered schedule, even though it meant increasing teachers' workloads as the number of class groups increased.

We had to implement an online learning program for those students who could not come to school. Teaching a class online is one thing, but teaching a full academic year online provides special challenges.

Once the academic schedule was in place, we focused on health and safety protocols. We allowed only limited movement within the school, assigned doors and recess areas for each grade, provided loads of hand sanitizer, Lysol wipes and, of course, masks. Selwyn House actually went above and beyond the Ministry of Education's requirements, and insisted on masks in



From left: Kabir Kohli, Matthew Li and William Robillard (all Grade 4)

classrooms. We knew we had to keep our community as safe as possible.

We purchased 100 state-of-the-art air purifiers for classrooms and offices. Our kitchen staff, under the guidance of chef Silvana Parnas, were amazing in preparing individual box lunches and delivering them to each classroom every day!

We are very grateful to Selwyn House Old Boy and current parent Dr. Donald Vinh '92, clinician and scientist in the Infectious Diseases and Immunity in Global Health Program at the Research Institute of the McGill University Health Centre. Dr. Vinh is on the front lines of treating and researching COVID, and we appreciate his willingness and availability to answer our questions, host parent meetings, and provide guidance.

Teachers worked harder this year than I have ever seen. They learned new technologies and new methods of delivering instruction. They supervised more. Teachers worked under what I call the "invisible lead blanket of COVID." No doubt, teachers were dealing with their own concerns and worries about their own families. Nevertheless, they provided calm and reassuring guidance to our students.

Throughout this, we were guided by our new headmaster, Mike Downey. We proved his motto for the year, "Stronger Together," is certainly true. Our students are fortunate because they continued to learn and progress through the curriculum. I know they are prepared for their next academic year.

In summary, I am so proud of everyone at Selwyn House. This is a special place, and it's special because of the teachers, staff, students, parents and Old Boys.

Managing COVID with technology

Coping with COVID in a school presents an impossible set of daily challenges. While the collective courage and resilience of students and staff were the fuel that allowed Selwyn House to deal with the pandemic, the tool that got the job done was digital technology.

From teleconferencing to the multitudes to multi-media Convocations, ever-changing social distancing rules forced the Selwyn House Technology Department to constantly re-invent, not just new ways of teaching, but new ways of communicating.

Technology Director Jean-Pierre Trudeau, with the support of Media Specialist Clare Stewart and the IT team of Scott Kilbride, Jasmin Nuhanovic and Herby Frémont, were tasked with building an airplane that was already in flight.

When the pandemic struck in 2020, students returned home from March Break to a new reality: learning from home. "The school had to immediately switch to being an online school and we had to build a dedicated COVID-response website on a dime," says Mr. Trudeau.

Teachers had to master the art of online teaching while learning the new



From left: Matt Azoulay, Hugo Culver and Max Mittleman (all Class of 2021)

technology that required. All classrooms were modified to allow for hybrid teaching, where some students watched the class from home on Zoom. Teachers were outfitted with portable microphones and amplifiers so they could be heard through their masks by the students in the classroom.

presentation videos be shot in advance to recreate online as much of the original feeling of those events as possible.

Assembling all the content for these varied presentations and then setting up and moderating Zoom reunions with 150 people online at once was a juggling feat.

When graduation came, provincial regulations still prohibited gatherings of more than one-fifth of the class, plus their parents, at a single event. But, through the generosity of Old Boy Vincenzo Guzzo '86 and the imagination of the Selwyn House Tech Department, a plan was devised to hold five separate but simultaneous Convocation ceremonies in five separate theatres at Cinémas Guzzo Spheretech.

Linked by simulcast to all five screens, the entire class and parents watched as Headmaster Downey, Head of Senior School Neil Banerjee and the presentation party moved from theatre to theatre.

It was a unique experience for the graduates, and a fitting wrap-up to a year where technological solutions proved to be the only way the school could salvage some sense of normalcy while meeting the COVID challenge.

And it worked. The demand for distance may have brought us closer together.



J-P Trudeau received the 2020 Redpath Herald Award for "showing initiative of a creative nature in the organization or planning of some project within the framework of the school."

"The school had to immediately switch to being an online school."

— J-P Trudeau

The entire staff—in fact, the entire community—had to adjust to online communication. "We hit a few stumbling blocks at first, but we got our teleconferencing protocol organized and made it secure and safe for everyone," says Mr. Trudeau. Teleconferencing also allowed the Tech Department to give remote support to students and staff.

This was a unique time, defined by a demand for distance. Awards ceremonies, graduations, reunions—all types of assemblies—had to be held online. This demanded that hours of speeches and

Hal Hannaford receives Speirs

Retired Selwyn House Headmaster Hal Hannaford reviewed the highlights of his career at Selwyn House when he received the Speirs Medal—the school's highest honour—at the Founder's Day celebrations held on November 26, 2020.

The presentation was part of an online event that was viewed from 213 homes, and included Old Boys, students and staff, plus family and friends.

Headmaster Mike Downey opened the ceremonies with a salute to Lieutenant Algernon Lucas, who founded the school in 1908, as well as to Mr. Downey's two predecessors present at Founder's Day, Will Mitchell and Hal Hannaford.

"One thing I have witnessed during my time at Selwyn is that it is the people, the community—in other words, everyone here tonight—who make this school great," said Mr. Downey.

"Our community is an important one, and our actions have a direct impact on others," he said. We've learned during the pandemic that the world is a very small place and that we're in this together."

The 2019 Speirs Medal recipient, retired Dean of Students Minna Shulman, gave a heartfelt introduction for the man she described as, "My boss, my mentor, my hero, and my dear friend."

"I am thrilled to represent hundreds of faculty, students and families who find Hal Hannaford compelling, creative, competent, compassionate, and charismatic," she said. "He is so deserving of this honour."

When Hal arrived at Selwyn House in 2009, he inherited what then-Board Chair Ted Claxton '73 called "the school that Will built," and he made this house a home, Minna said.

"Hal worked to...fill the school with increased heart and soul that reflected his strong values of community, connectedness, relationships, resilience, love, laughter, and, of course, music.

"Hal pushed us all to greatness. His keen observation, clever mind and huge heart helped define our vision and



Hal Hannaford, left, retired Headmaster of Selwyn House School, received the Speirs Medal from Head Prefect George Adamopoulos, right, on November 26.

mission, reinforcing Veritas, a brand that we all could embrace and embody.

"Hal has one of the quickest and sharpest minds, and his ability to see the big picture, his strengths as a visionary and his business acumen are so impressive. Hal's leadership was transformational for so many of us as he sought to understand, embrace, enhance and help us build upon our own strengths.

"Hal introduced to us the concept of 'Known and Loved' as a goal for all of us, which made our experiences at Selwyn House deeper and richer, and aligned with our true mission to fill all our students and all our community with love and support so that we all become truly great people.

"Like so many of you, I will always treasure those years with him," Minna concluded. "Hal has enhanced all of our lives, made our days more meaningful and fulfilling, made our professional growth and development more focused and more fun, paved the way for deeper and more loving relationships with the boys, the faculty, our families, and the

community, and left our beloved school with so many lasting and meaningful gifts borne of his vision, dedication, intelligence, creativity, and his heart and his soul. I thank Hal for this wonderful honour and opportunity to pay tribute to him and to remind him that the entire Selwyn House community truly knows and deeply loves our Hal Hannaford."

Hal Hannaford

Mr. Hannaford began his acceptance speech with a tip of the hat to the four board chairs with whom he had served: Ted Claxton '73, Michael Denham, Jonathan Goldbloom '72 and Michael Avedesian '88.

Hal's legacy at Selwyn House begins with his development of the Veritas brand, which, he said, is based on the original traditions of the school, "Our founding principle has now become something that is really current and modern," he said. Today, Veritas is founded on three truths (being true to one's self, to others, and to the school), a motto that has now been enlarged to include a fourth: being true to the world.

Hal Hannaford receives Speirs

The second pillar of Hal's legacy is the concept of being a relational school. "Becoming a relational school is everything," he said.

The third, which he calls the "glory of education," consists of "taking boys and molding them into...great men."

The fourth is faculty culture. "Teachers and staff are number one," he says. "It's a great faculty at this school, and I was honoured to be able to work with them."

Raising a boy into a great man also requires four things, he said: "First, boys must be exposed to strong and effective male role models. Second, boys must also be exposed to a substantial female influence. Third, we must let boys be boys.

"In order to become a truly great man, you must be a boy first," he said.

Last—and perhaps most important—are friends and family, he concluded, punctuating his remark with a kiss on the cheek of his wife, Susan Doherty.

"You cannot do this thing alone," he

said. "Susan has been just as big a part of Selwyn House as I ever was."

"We'll miss you, but we will never forget you."

Other Honorees

In addition to Hal Hannaford, five other staff members retired this year after having served 25 years or more at the school. They were: James McMillan, Brad Moffatt, Christine Krushelnyski, Carol Manning and Roman Pylat. Together, their time at Selwyn House totalled almost 200 years.

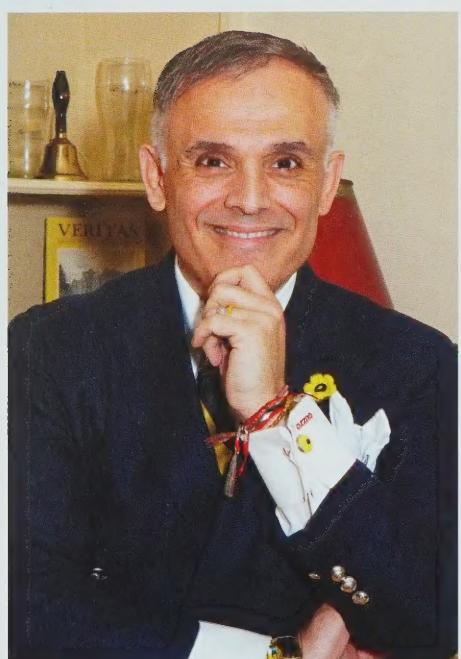
These same staff members were also inducted as Honorary Old Boys at Founder's Day, except for Christine Krushelnyski, who, along with her late husband, Marc, was inducted as an honorary Old Boy in 2012.

Also at Founder's Day, Selwyn House Parent and Parent Volunteer Association member Roula Rossy received the Nancy Pitfield Memorial Award for volunteerism.



Minna Shulman

Vince Guzzo will receive Speirs Medal 2021



Vincenzo Guzzo '86, one of the strongest supporters the school has ever had, will receive the Speirs Medal for 2021. The announcement was made by Michael Avedesian '88, Chairman of the Selwyn House Association Board of Directors, along with Headmaster Mike Downey.

Since 2017, the man known on national television as "Mr. Sunshine" has been a member of the investors' panel on the popular CBC series *Dragon's Den*. He is also a Canadian entrepreneur and philanthropist. He currently serves as CEO of Cinémas Guzzo, Groupe Guzzo Construction Inc., Guzzo Medical and Guzzo Hospitality.

At Selwyn House, he has served on the SHA Board of Directors since 2015 (current Fundraising Committee Chair), as well as on the Old Boys' Board from

2003 to 2006. He has been a staunch supporter of Old Boy events such as the annual Old Boys and Friends' Golf Tournament, which he won in 2014.

Vince has served on many campaign cabinets that have raised over \$12M for the school, including the Centennial Endowment Campaign in 2007 and the Campaign for Selwyn House in 2013. Currently, he is co-chair of The Path Forward Campaign, which will enable the school to flourish as a fully private school.

His contributions, such as the Veritas Sculpture, the Guzzo Family Playground and the Old Boys' Association Playground, have enhanced the school immeasurably.

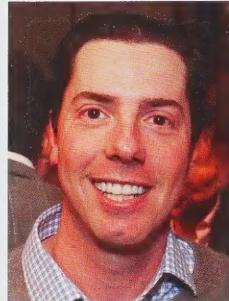
Vince has four sons who have attended Selwyn House: Angelo 2015, Vittorio 2017, Vito 2022 and Delano 2026.

Message from the President of the Old Boys' Association

To say the least, it has been an extraordinary and unprecedented year for the Old Boys' Association, and I am very proud of how we have all grown closer during the pandemic.

The past school year was a testament to the resilience and character of our Association. The OBA Board used the pandemic experience as an opportunity to re-engage with our membership in ways we had never considered. Our regular slate of events shifted online seamlessly, which allowed us to connect with many members around the world who had otherwise been out of touch. Old Boys of so many different vintages were able to reconnect or even meet for the first time, share stories, and leave our virtual events with new contacts, new friends and a better understanding of one another.

Our virtual sports events allowed Old Boys to enjoy the best parts of our regular tournaments, namely having a drink and embellishing old stories. A leadership event with prefects spanning eight decades was a first, and the Speakers



Series brought together current Senior School students and Old Boys to engage in meaningful discussion. By including the graduating class in our special events, we were able to start to bridge the gap between Now Boys and Old Boys, and give them a taste of what to expect when they join the OBA. But there is more on the horizon. We have plans to create a mentorship program for Senior School students and Old Boys, and host more Old Boys' panel discussions on themes such as health and wellness, the arts, and financial literacy. Above all, we are committed to engaging with a broader spectrum of Old Boys and working to ensure that our activities and initiatives better represent our diverse membership.

On behalf of the Old Boys' Association Board of Directors, I can truly say that we are looking forward to seeing you in person soon.

Joshua Wisenthal '99, OBA President

Blanshay musical nets 14 Tony nominations

Moulin Rouge! The Musical, a play co-produced by Old Boy Adam Blanshay '98, has received 14 nominations for Tony Awards, it was announced October 15.

The nominations included: Best Musical, Best Direction, Best Book, Best Choreography, and Best Costume Design, with best-performance nods for three of the actors.

This puts *Moulin Rouge! The Musical* only two nominations short of the record set by *Hamilton* in 2016.

Moulin Rouge! The Musical opened on Broadway in June 2019, but the entire Broadway season was suspended in March 2020 when New York's theatres were closed due to COVID-19.

The Tony Awards for the truncated 2019-2020 season will not be announced until September 2021.

Due to the shortened season, this year's Best Musical category only included two other plays: *Alanis Morissette's Jagged Little Pill* and *Tina: The Tina Turner Musical*.

Founded in London, England, in

2017, Adam Blanshay Productions has been involved in over sixty plays internationally, and has received six Tony Awards, seven Olivier Awards, and one Helpmann Award. The company is reported to also have a Montreal project in the works.

Adam is also creating a musical theatre web series called The Theatre Channel, where stage stars perform classics at The Theatre Cafe in the heart of London's West End.

A US tour of *Moulin Rouge! The Musical* is planned, as are London and Australian productions.

In 2013, Adam won a Tony Award for co-producing the hit Broadway musical comedy *Kinky Boots*. He was also co-producer of *A Chorus Line*, *Old Times*, *Merrily We Roll Along*, and a Broadway production of *Bullets over Broadway*.

The company's current projects include: *Newfound Hope Songs*, *Hello Dolly*, *What's In A Name?* (UK Tour), *Moulin Rouge* (Broadway), *La Cage aux Folles [The Play]* (Park Theatre), *Dream Girls* (UK Tour), *Sunny Afternoon* (UK Tour), *Notre Dame*



de Paris (David H. Koch Theatre, Lincoln Center), *The Inheritance* (Broadway), *City of Angels* (West End), *Come From Away* (West End, Broadway, Toronto, North America, Australia), *Waitress* (West End) and *Kinky Boots* (UK Tour).

Brooks discusses divestment strategy

“Money talks,” says Selwyn House Old Boy Richard Brooks ’92. “It can also walk.” Speaking virtually to a group of Senior School students on “School of Life” Day April 21, Richard was referring to the recent trend toward environmental divestment—the act of selling off investments in fossil-fuel industries.

Richard started thinking about climate issues while still a student at Selwyn House. He earned a B.Sc. in environmental science at the University of Guelph, followed by a Master’s degree in forest conservation from the University of Toronto.

He has worked for a series of environmental organizations, including Earthroots and Greenpeace (where he was a senior manager). In the last few years, he shifted from forest issues to finance issues, and has coordinated major projects for organizations such as Stand.earth and 350.org, where he has been working on divestment and climate finance work in the U.S. since 2016.

In 2018, Richard coordinated 350’s successful “Divest New York” campaign, which, in addition to divestment, resulted in a ban on new fossil fuel projects and damages suits against oil and gas companies. In December 2020, New York State’s \$226B state pension fund followed suit with divestment.

“The aim is to solve the climate crisis by looking at where the money is flowing.”

In between, he helped coordinate 2019’s global climate strike, which saw half a million people marching in the streets of Montreal (including many Selwyn House students), with millions more participating worldwide.

The aim of all this is “to solve the climate crisis by looking at where the money is flowing.”

In his School of Life presentation, Richard summed up the state of the world’s climate: 2020 was the hottest year on record, with many floods, wildfires and other extreme weather. The impact has been twice as rapid in northern regions like Canada. Globally, the crisis is particularly hard on developing countries, where governments and infrastructure are not as strong.

In 2015, the Paris Agreement recommended cutting global emissions in half by 2030 and to zero by 2050, with the aim of limiting global temperature increase to 1.5 degrees above pre-industrial levels.

“We will have to eliminate industries that emit carbon and methane and replace them with renewable energy sources if we



Richard Brooks ’92

are to avoid seeing many places on earth become uninhabitable,” Richard said.

Since the Paris Agreement five years ago, Richard said, 60 of the largest banks in the world have put more than \$8 trillion into fossil fuel companies. “Unfortunately, our Canadian banks are near the top of the list. And that’s not even counting pension funds...which have also invested billions in fossil fuel companies.”

Banks and pension funds are taking the wrong approach, he says. They are funding coal and tar sands mines, new pipeline projects, fracking operations and expanding deep-water drilling. “We don’t need new infrastructure,” Richard said. “We need to be retiring present infrastructure.”

Also, he pointed out, “Many of these projects are violating Indigenous rights at a time when we’re trying to advance reconciliation.” Through destruction of wildlife habitat and human settlements, fossil fuel developments tend to impact poor communities, penalizing those who have done the least to create the problem.

He asked Selwyn House students to suggest solutions, which ranged from promoting electric vehicles and investing in solar and wind, to more radical tactics of eco-terrorism or simply letting the free market go wild.

Denis Dariotis (Grade 11) warned that many so-called ESG (Environmental, Social and Guidance) funds that claim to be environmentally friendly are really “a Wall Street scam.” Richard agreed that government action is needed to avoid such “greenwashing.”

Hugo Culver (Grade 11) said he favoured a demand-side approach, in which consumers force the issue by boycotting environmentally harmful companies.

Richard agreed that a two-pronged approach is what is needed. “We’re only going to be successful if we tackle it all.”

A major part of the solution, Richard says, is “stopping the money pipeline.” We must move money out of companies that are the greatest emitters, and into climate solutions. The way to do that is to “de-fund and divest.”

He describes the New York State pension fund divestment as “a people-powered campaign that took eight years. If New York State can do it, any pension fund or bank can do it.”

“They did it because of the campaign, but they also did it because it makes financial sense, and they are legally bound to make money for their pension funds. They’ve recognized that investing in coal companies that are going bankrupt...doesn’t make financial sense, particularly in the long term.”

“It’s time to put some pressure on Canadian banks.”

This must make for some interesting family dinner conversation. Richard’s brother, Old Boy James ’97, works for the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce.

Donald Vinh '92 wins Redpath Herald

hen it comes to understanding something as complex as the COVID-19 pandemic, it's good to have a friend on the inside, at the cutting edge of research and policy. Dr. Donald Vinh has become that person, appearing on television whenever there are pandemic questions to be answered.

A Selwyn House parent and Old Boy from the Class of 1992, Don is also an infectious disease specialist at the McGill University Health Complex (MUHC).

"We're lucky someone like Don is part of our community," said Headmaster Downey.

On March 11, it was announced that Don had been appointed to a \$2.7-M study launched by the Canadian government's COVID-19 Immunity Task Force (CITF). This multi-institutional, multi-disciplinary research team is investigating the disproportionately high incidence of COVID-19 among residents of Quebec's long-term care facilities.

Don sits on the panel by virtue of his position as an infectious disease and immunity expert at the Research Institute of the MUHC and an associate professor at McGill University. "We still do not understand why some long-term care residents have gotten so sick and died of COVID-19, whereas others, at the same facility, have had milder versions of the disease or have not been infected at all," he says.

Sometimes called "the medical detective," or "Dr. House," Don made the news two years ago for diagnosing a 30-year-old patient with a rare disease that had caused chronic illnesses all the man's life. Don and his staff at the MUHC Research Institute proved that this condition had a genetic cause. Don labelled the disease CID, or combined immunodeficiency.

Since the outbreak of COVID-19 last year, Don's attention has been devoted to the pandemic. In addition to becoming a familiar face on the nightly news, he has made himself available to Selwyn House on many occasions. On December 9, he shared his knowledge

directly with Selwyn House students and administration in an online question-and-answer session.

On May 13, a group of Selwyn House parents joined in an online Q&A with Don, mostly on the safety of COVID-19 vaccines for children and adolescents, the safety of mixing vaccines, and other pandemic-related issues.

"The rate of severe reaction or death from COVID among children is low, but it's not zero," said Don. "This is a serious infection."

Don said that, while vaccines reduce the likelihood of contracting COVID-19 by 70-90 per cent, they also reduce the chance of transmission by 50 per cent. "We accept the necessity of vaccinating against measles or pneumonia, even though the number of people who die from it is statistically low."

"The vaccines will not stunt or accelerate growth in young people," he said. "And, allergies are no reason to avoid the vaccine."

"If you mix and match, more local reaction can increase efficacy."

Asked about the advisability of mixing vaccine types, Don said, "I have no problems with a mix-and-match approach."

The most important thing is to simply



get the vaccine without delay, he concluded. "If you get it now you get protection now."

"We're very fortunate that we have one of the best on our team," said Selwyn House Athletic Director Mike Maurovich, who added that he remembers teaching Don when the doctor was in high school.

Now the roles are reversed.

Dr. Vinh added that he is leading a Quebec government-sponsored COVID-19 biobank at MUHC. He invites anyone—child or adult—who has had COVID-19 at any time during the pandemic to participate in the biobank.

Nicholas Johnson 2015 shaping history

elwyn House School Old Boy Nicholas Johnson 2015 has been selected by CNBC as one of "23 Black leaders who are shaping history today." The announcement was made by the U.S. business news pay-tv channel in February of 2021.

In April 2020, Nicholas was chosen as the first Black valedictorian at Princeton University, an achievement that drew public praise from now-Vice-President Kamala Harris, former First Lady Michelle Obama and U.S. Senator Corey Booker.

A Selwyn House Head Prefect, Nicholas maintained a perfect 4.0 grade-point average at Princeton. He is now on a PhD program in Operations Research at MIT, developing theory to unify optimization and machine learning.

Nicholas is also featured in the new video "Entrepreneur" by Pharrell Williams with Jay-Z. The video highlights the achievements of young black people, including Nick.



Old Boy makes giant leap for mankind

Old Boy Mark Pathy '86 began his April 22 talk to the Selwyn House School Space Club with an old proverb: "If you want to travel fast, go alone. If you want to travel far, go together." Mark has obviously opted for the latter, because he is joining the crew of three who will man the first private mission to the International Space Station (ISS) in 2022.

The flight is a joint venture between NASA and Axiom Space, and will use the Dragon spacecraft built by SpaceX, a company founded by Elon Musk. NASA's goal is to establish "a low-Earth orbit marketplace where the private sector leads the way."

Mark is not an astronaut, a pilot, nor a scientist. He is a businessman. His career in advertising and finance, and his involvement with Fednav, Ltd., his family's shipping business, have brought him to a place in life where he can afford the multi-million-dollar ticket to the ISS, and can also afford to be philosophical about it. "There's a lot more to success than just money," he told the Selwyn House students. "We need relationships in life, and we need to have each other's backs."

Mark and his crewmates will have each other's backs as they share 10 days in space. The crew began their training in June with a week-long trek in Alaska, then underwent what Mark describes as a "ridiculous" barrage of medical tests to establish whether they have "the right stuff" for the voyage. From September through mid-January, the crew will undergo 16 weeks' training in Houston

and at SpaceX headquarters in California.

Only one of the four crew members has ever been to outer space before. The other three are businessmen like Mark. The level of fitness required is nothing unattainable, he says. "I'm healthy and fit, but I don't have to be a triathlete."

A father of three children, aged 3 to 6, Mark predicts that being away from his family will be the roughest part of the whole experience.

Mark's interest in space began—like everyone else's—from watching *Star Trek* as a kid.

After the retirement of NASA's Space Shuttle in 2011, the Russian Soyuz was the only vehicle for human spaceflight to the ISS until SpaceX began delivering cargo to and from the ISS in 2012. In 2020, the company began transporting people to the orbiting laboratory under NASA's Commercial Crew Program.

In 2019, when Mark learned that Axiom Space was planning a trip to the ISS, he picked up the phone and got his name on the list. He watched a video of a launch, finding it "exciting, at times, scary," he told the Selwyn House students.

"The [1986 and 2003] Shuttle accidents weigh on me," he admitted. "I'm by no means a daredevil. I don't have a death wish."

Once they reach the ISS, Mark and the crew will spend 12-15 hours per day doing routine tests, and will also serve as guinea pigs for medical technology such as augmented-reality diagnostic equipment for non-doctors. Mark will reportedly be collaborating with the Montreal



Children's Hospital and the Canadian Space Agency. All these experiments, he points out, "have real implications for life here on Earth."

On his personal bucket list, Mark is looking forward to doing some photography and is hoping to experience the Overview Effect, a phenomenon well known among astronauts when they first view the earth from space. He intends to spend some time "reflecting on our place on the planet, and how to act on these perspectives when I get back."

On the lighter side, he also looks forward to the fun of experiencing weightlessness, even hoping to re-enact Homer Simpson's famous potato-chip-eating stunt.

But, that's not to say he doesn't take this seriously. "To me, this is not a frivolous undertaking," he told the *Globe and Mail*. "It's something that I think is important and meaningful."

Until the countdown, then, Mark continues his regimen of training four days a week, with an hour of meditation every morning.

But if Axiom really wanted to know whether their civilian astronaut has "the right stuff," they could have just picked up the phone and asked for Mark's rugby coach at Selwyn House: Peter Govan. "I remember him as a competitive athlete," recalls Mr. Govan. "He tests himself."

Nicholas Johnson continued

"The artistic director for the video reached out to me in early August, inviting me to be featured in the video, and I gladly accepted," Nick explains. "Filming for the video was an entertaining experience. A Montreal-based film crew was contracted to record my part. We filmed for roughly two hours to produce the brief clip you saw."

Nick writes that he has settled into Cambridge to attend MIT. "Most of my classes will be online," he says, "however, my research adviser plans on having in-person research meetings."

Three named to Athletic Hall of Fame

In May 27, three Old Boys were inducted into the Selwyn House School Athletic Hall of Fame. Sean McKinnon '98, Hagen Mehnert '84 and Julian Heller '75 were outstanding athletes at the school, but have also gone on to be professional and university-level stars on the field after they no longer sported the Gryphon on their uniforms.

Julian Heller '75

At Selwyn House, Julian combined his athletic accomplishments with a strong academic career, consistently ranking among the school's top students and winning a number of academic honours. After graduating from Selwyn House in 1975, Julian was a frequent selection for the Quebec Under-19 rugby team, and for various Montreal and Quebec select teams chosen to play visiting sides. He was chosen for the All-Canadian U-19 rugby team in 1978. He also enjoyed a sparkling club career with the Westmount Rugby Club First XV, and was a skilled Westmount Colts (U-21) side. At age 17, he enrolled directly at Princeton University, where his rugby success continued. Julian played on the university's First XV, which won the Ivy League championship in 1979. He was the team's leading scorer in 1978 and 1979. Julian also played Varsity Lightweight Football for Princeton, being named the team's defensive MVP and a League All-Star in 1978. In 1979, Julian enrolled at McGill Law School and played for the university's First XV for four years, earning the MVP award in the 1983 season.

Sean McKinnon '98

After graduating from Selwyn House, Sean was a two-time member of the Québec Provincial All-Star Football Team (20 and Under). At Kent School in Connecticut, he was starting quarterback and safety in his Junior year, starting wide receiver and safety in his Senior year. He played lacrosse in his Junior and Senior year, having never played the sport before. Playing Varsity Football at Queen's University, he was Academic All-Canadian, team nominee for the Russ Jackson Award in 2004, recipient of the Hall McCahey Award, presented to the team's most dedicated football player in 2004, a two-time recipient of the Ted Reeve Memorial Award for combining academic and athletic success at Queen's in 2003 and 2004, and a nominee for the Jim

Tait Trophy, given to the graduating male athlete at Queen's University who best displays the qualities of leadership, sportsmanship, dedication and an exceptional contribution to men's inter-university team sports, in 2004. In his fifth year, he was named captain and started as WR/KR/PR/holder and corner. Playing pro ball with the Esbjerg Hurricanes, an American football club in Denmark, he was quarterback, captain and coach, 2005-2006 season MVP and league All-Star. He led the team to their first championship in several years.

Hagen Mehnert '84

In his final year at Selwyn House, Hagen was a prefect and played Senior football, rugby and basketball. After high school, he played Junior for the North Shore Broncos, where he was a two-year starter and a two-time Provincial Junior Champion. At McGill University, he played football from 1986 to 1990, was a member of the 1987 Vanier Cup championship team, a co-captain in 1989 and 1990, and received the Charlie Baillie Trophy in 1989 as the most outstanding team player. He was selected by the Ottawa Rough Riders in the seventh round (56th overall) in the 1990 CFL draft. Total stats at McGill: 21 GP; 4 interceptions; 68 total tackles (28 solo, 80 assisted), including 2 quarterback sacks and 3 tackles for loss.

The induction ceremony was followed by an online storytelling session between the three inductees and the 90 coaches, staffers and former teammates in attendance that included memories of Julian Heller's 1974 kick that won Selwyn House its first-ever athletic banner, the time the Gryphons almost defeated a professional rugby team from France, and Hagen's experience of having five fellow SHS Old Boys on his football team at McGill.

Sportsman's Guild

The Athletic Celebration is also the occasion for inductions into the Selwyn House Sportsman's Guild. This year's inductees are: Daniel Bergevin, Denis Dariotis, Jaeden Edghill, Dean Farias, Michael Feldman, Matthew Homa, Sebbie Johnson, Markus Lulic-Descheneaux, George Adamopoulos, Aidan Rawas and Sean Vinh (all 2021), plus coaches Chris LaPerle and David Grier.

The Selwyn House Sportsman's Guild is



Julian Heller '75



Sean McKinnon '98



Hagen Mehnert '84

an honorary association established in 1976 to recognize individuals who have made truly outstanding contributions to the school's athletic program.

Design Challenge teaches brain health

oncussion Legacy Foundation Canada, Aune Foundation and Selwyn House School kicked off the Brains & Brawn Design Challenge and Gaming Tournament on May 7. The series of events launched with a virtual exercise program featuring a surprise superstar guest, NHL and Edmonton Oilers captain Connor McDavid.

"It is so important to stay both mentally and physically healthy during these challenging times that the pandemic has presented us with," said McDavid. "Take care of your brain, whether you are on the ice, on the field or playing video games. Regular exercise, eating healthy and sleeping well are all very important for being at your best."

The students then followed Connor through an exercise program led by Ben Velazquez, a world-renowned therapeutic exercise specialist, to start preparing them for the Brains & Brawn event.

On May 7 at 12 p.m., the Design Challenge was made available to all Canadian students aged 13-17, who wished to participate. Students could "play" as individuals or in teams of two or three.

The event was free for all Canadian students, courtesy of the Aune Foundation.

The Design Challenge is an event created by a team of passionate technology experts, start-up founders, athletic performance experts and social changemakers, who are passionate about teaching and coaching technology through the power of play. The event will promote the world-changing imagination and creativity of young people from all socio-economic backgrounds.

The goal of the Design Challenge is to help participating students design new ideas and prototypes that will help maximize the brain health and performance of Canadian students. The best ideas will be eligible for prizes such as NHL tickets, Nike gear and internship opportunities.

"My heart goes out to all students across



Old Boys Jonathan Aune '92 (left) and Tim Fleiszer '92

Canada," said Selwyn House Old Boy Jonathan Aune '92, Director of The Aune Foundation. "While we can never replace basketball and hockey games or field trips cancelled during the pandemic, we want to help host a fun virtual event for young students, while teaching essential lessons about brain performance that they can apply for a lifetime."

"Adolescent screen time has doubled during the pandemic," said fellow Old Boy Tim Fleiszer '92, Executive Director of Concussion Legacy Foundation Canada (CLF). "Empowering students to improve their brain health and performance is a great gift, especially as we start contemplating the in-person return to school and sports in the fall."

"Selwyn House School is proud to host the Design Challenge," said Mike Downey, Headmaster of Selwyn House School. "Students' brain health is key to their performance. We want our students to venture into uncharted areas and disciplines with the confidence to explore, challenge, and innovate without worrying about the limitations of failure. Being able to share this event with other schools in the Montreal community and across North America is part of Selwyn House's commitment of teaching students to be 'True to Your World.'"

"This is a great opportunity for our

students to be active and recognize that professional athletes are feeling the same way they do," says Mike Maurovich, Director of Athletics at Selwyn House. "The message from Tim Fleiszer and workout with Connor McDavid will stimulate their competitive spirit which can then be channeled into the Design Challenge."

"This is an exceptional educational experience for students involving design thinking, engineering, creativity, and teamwork," says Brenda Montgomery, Director of Academic Innovation & Growth at Selwyn House School. "I am thrilled that this program has launched in Quebec."

"Our understanding of the impact of exercise on brain health is rapidly expanding. It is my pleasure to share some advanced protocols with Canadian students that, up until now, have only been available to elite professional athletes," says Therapeutic Exercise Specialist Ben Velazquez.

"It's been a blast to re-connect with Jon and work with the Selwyn staff," says Tim Fleiszer. "It feels like coming home."

"I concur with Tim," says Jon Aune. "It feels like home. My life has come full circle all the way back to my roots at SHS. I love it."

Indigenization process underway at SHS

Selwyn House School is resolving to become more indigenized. "The administration team and I are unanimously committed to this significant initiative," says Headmaster Mike Downey. "Through this multi-year process, our vision is to incorporate Indigenous ways of knowing, being, doing, and relating into the educational, organizational, cultural and social structures of the school. It is essential that this is done in a sustainable, personalized, and meaningful way."

"We have recently taken some introductory steps in our long-term commitment to indigenizing our school. In 2019, we formed an Indigenous Student Committee (ISC) with the aim of better supporting our Indigenous students at SHS. In 2020, we also began working with Wahiatkaste (Wahi) Diome-Deer, an educational consultant, who has joined our team to help us develop our indigenization plan. For many months, she has been collaborating with our Director of Experiential Education, Courtney Prieur, and our Coordinator of Outdoor Education, Cory Deegan, and with me to develop concrete objectives for meaningful change."

To ensure that the Indigenous portion of the student body has a presence in the school, the ISC is proposing a series of goals, including more education around Indigenous issues, including professional development for staff, plus more activities like the recently successful Orange Shirt Day.

Mr. Deegan says they are also proposing the drafting of a self-written land acknowledgement, "a statement that pays tribute to the land we live on, its history and importance to our gathering."

In addition to being a traditional Indigenous woman from the community of Kahnawake, and the sister of four Selwyn House Old Boys, Ms. Diome-Deer brings a wealth of education and experience to her leadership role.

She completed her Master's Degree in educational leadership at McGill, works as an independent consultant in education, and is a columnist for the *Globe and Mail*. She holds a Master's degree in psychology and brain sciences from Dartmouth



Wahi Diome-Deer, left, and Thiréhtha Diome-Deer, right, present a Two-Row Wampum to Selwyn House, represented by Courtney Prieur, Director of Experiential Education.

College and has recently completed graduate work in psychology at Harvard.

Ms. Diome-Deer explained to the Selwyn House group that indigenization is an "institutional initiative to support societal reconciliation." It calls for policies and practices that increase inclusion, break down barriers and realign school outcomes without harm to previously established goals. It proposes working Indigenous ideas, concepts and practices into school curricula, fostering a greater understanding of Canada's colonial history, and engaging in critical reflections about how to build safe and ethical spaces for Indigenous knowledge, worldviews and practices.

Change does not take place overnight, Ms. Diome-Deer points out. Indigenization is a long-term, multi-level process. Through its Truth and Reconciliation Council, the Canadian government has called for similar changes in schools of all levels, public or private, in order to introduce "a fuller sense of history" in schools.

"Our team is now well into the assessment phase," says Ms. Prieur. "One of the most important elements of this process has been including all stakeholders through group discussions. Hearing from our community has been the most profound element of this process so far."

One such example is the comment from Old Boy Arnold Lazare '79, the first Indigenous student at Selwyn House. "I am pleased that it's happening," he said. "I will advocate for SHS. SHS was bilingual before it was popular. It's the tip of the spear. For me, SHS has always been a leader."

If you would like to participate in the survey, contact Courtney Prieur at Selwyn House. (prieurc@selwyn)



Outdoor Education Coordinator Cory Deegan with Ben Cohen (Grade 7) on Orange Shirt Day last September

Old Boys' Indigenous movie wins 7 awards

Described by one reviewer as, "The zombie movie we need right now," *Blood Quantum*, co-produced by Selwyn House Old Boys Rob Vroom '97 and John Christou '95, won seven awards out of 10 nominations in the Canadian Screen Awards on May 20, 2021.

A zombie horror movie set on a First Nations reserve, *Blood Quantum* won awards for best Production Design/Art Direction, Make-up, Costume Design, Editing, Lead Actor, Visual Effects and Stunt Coordination, garnering the highest number of nominations and awards of any film nominated at the Canadian Screen Awards this year.

Rob says he is thrilled at the success of the movie. "It was quite the undertaking, and I am proud of what we accomplished. The visionary behind the project is Jeff Barnaby, a Mi'gmaq filmmaker from the Listuguj First Nation. Jeff wrote, directed, edited and composed the music for *Blood Quantum*.

"His first feature film was *Rhymes for Young Ghouls*, which addressed the issues of residential schools. *Blood Quantum* was in development for over 12 years before it went into production. I joined the project in late 2017 as we headed into pre-production to produce alongside John Christou."

The movie was shot on the Kahnawake First Nation territory and in Jeff's home town of Listuguj, as well as in some parts of Montreal.

It was a good year for Indigenous films at the Canadian Screen Awards. The prize for best picture went to *Beans*, a coming-of-age story that takes place during the Oka crisis.

"John and I are extremely happy with the recognition the film has received," says Rob. "It is one of the more relevant and important films around today—a story about an Indigenous community dealing with a viral outbreak. I'm thrilled to have had the opportunity to help Jeff Barnaby bring his vision to the screen. I believe *Blood Quantum* is a perfect example of why our industry needs to



elevate Indigenous storytellers and allow their voices to be heard."

"After attending the American Film Institute and getting my MFA in cinematography in 2007, I stayed in Los Angeles and shot a fair amount in the comedy world," Rob says. "I founded my own production company, Vroom Productions, in 2012 to begin producing independent film. My first feature was *Three Night Stand*, directed by Pat Kiely and starring Emmanuelle Chriqui, Megan Rath and Sam Huntington. Our sophomore feature was *Another Kind of Wedding*, again directed by Pat Kiely and starring Kathleen Turner, Wallace Shawn, Jessica Paré, Kevin Zegers and Luke Kirby.

"Since the release of *Blood Quantum*, I have taken over running Prospector Films, the production company founded by John Christou. John has taken a full-time position at the National Film Board. I have several projects in development, including a fully financed feature film about a lesbian teen love story that takes place in a Jehovah's Witness community in the Gaspé. We go to camera in the fall. Other projects include a coming-of-age comedy about a recent undergrad trying to find her place in life and writing jokes for an up-and-coming comedian; a surf

noir TV series set in Tofino that follows a cop investigating the disappearance of her sister; an adaptation of my wife's book, *Prude*, that follows the story of a middle-aged couple and their teenage kids navigating the tricky subject of porn; and a few others.

"When not pursuing the more auteur, independent driven projects, I also produce television movies for networks such as Lifetime and Hallmark. The current project is a Hallmark Christmas movie that we started shooting in May."

Hannaford films



Selwyn House Old Boy Reid Hannaford 2012 (centre in photo) now has his first feature film, *God's Time*, in post-production. The film was produced by Reid and co-written and directed by Daniel Antebi, a fellow graduate of NYU Film School.

On April 26, Reid's recent documentary *Mimic* was screened as part of the Inter:Active selection at CPH:DOX, a Copenhagen International Documentary Film Festival that, since its founding in 2002, has become one of the biggest documentary film festivals in the world.

Reid is also Senior Creative Director for BlockWorks Group, a financial media brand that delivers news and insights about digital assets.



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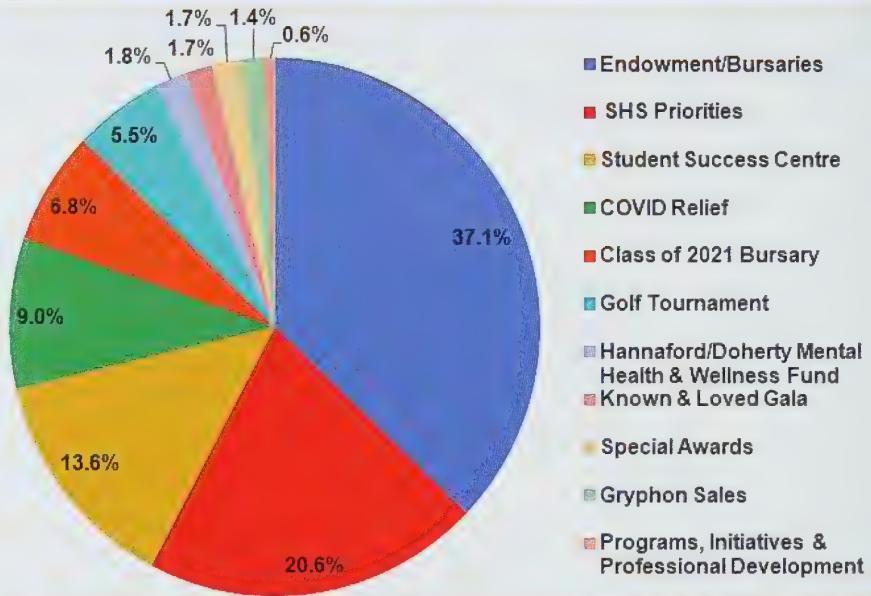
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Richard J. Bennetts '51
Anne-Marie Blais
Erica and Walter Bloom
Eric-James C.S.J. Boffey '12



Over \$40,000 (net) was raised for Selwyn's first-ever class bursary established by the Class of 2021 as their grad gift to the school. Funds were raised through the sale of prints of an original painting featuring the Selwyn blazer, tie and the Old Boys' tie showing the journey from student to Old Boy. Note: Prints are still available via the Advancement Office. In photo, Prefect Mikey Feldman 2021 with Headmaster Michael Downey.

Evren A.P. Boisjoli '08
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Ian H.D. Bovey '46
Christopher T. Bruneau '87
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Patricia Fourcand and Joel Cabelli
Elizabeth and Stephen Caddick
Martin H. Campbell '60
Robert D.A. Campbell '02
Anne-Marie Canakis and
John-Paul Capolicchio
Michael J. Carreiro '92
Beverly and Timothy R. Carsley '52
Charles E. Chaffey '54
Thyda Ouy and Ladi Cheng
Edward B. Claxton '73
Mary Ann Cloherty
Sara and Edward W. Colby '58
Timothy N. Coristine '59
Sharon Cozens
Li Tao and Zhijie Dai
Nancy and William Daly '52
Ghislaine de Leonards
Sylvain Decelles
Daniel R. Delmar '68
Diane and Douglas Deruchie
Lenny Dion
Colin R. C. Dobell '53
Lana and Sheldon Dorfman
Barbara McCarthy Drury and
Victor Drury
Cindy Dubrovsky
Martha and Peter R. Duffield '53
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Wishart family donates to weight room

The Selwyn House weight and training room is new and improved, thanks to the Wishart family's donation of quality weights, barbells, dumbbells, kettlebells, and racks, all branded for the school in the greatest tradition of any professional athletic team.

"This equipment is giving students a foundation to appreciate strength conditioning and fitness and the value it will have throughout their lives," says Director of Athletics Mike Maurovich.

The Wishart family was more than happy to contribute. "We deeply appreciate all the help and assistance our boys received at Selwyn in both academics and athletics," say Wyatt Wishart and Zhen Huang, parents of Val and Van, Class of 2016 (pictured at right). "For us, Selwyn House was the best school choice we could have made. We're happy to be able to give back a little to such a great athletic program."



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 Jessica Murphy-Lavallée and Jennifer Ball
 Carol Manning and Patrick Neilson
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 J. Corey Nicholson '73
 George W. Pamel '15
 Mélanie Daudelin and André Pani
 Glenys and Apostolos Papageorgiou
 Stefan Papich '06
 June Park
 H. Stewart Patch '69
 Sara Pedersen
 J. Gordon Peters '58
 Courtney Prieur
 Jean Pruneau
 Christopher Purvis '71
 Ian A. Ratzer '98
 Na Xu and Zhi Ren
 Gillian LeMessurier and James Robinson
 Cameron C. Romoff '11
 Annie-Valérie Ménard and
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Joshua N. Wisenthal '99
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Yixuan Fu
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Junwen Cao '28
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Upcoming Events

Friday, October 1, 2021

43rd Annual Montreal Old Boys' Reunion & AGM

Thursday, November 25, 2021

Founder's Day

Friday, December 17, 2021

24th Annual Old Boys' Hockey Tournament

Friday, April 29, 2022

Known & Loved Gala

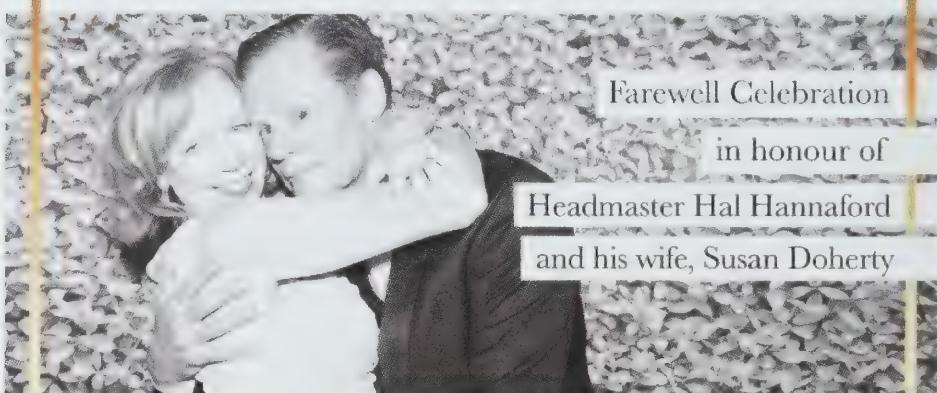
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Playing on Cabot Links on Cape Breton Island, Old Boy E. J. Boffey '12 scored his first-ever hole-in-one on July 11, to win the first-ever Selwyn Open, our COVID-friendly Old Boys' & Friends Golf Tournament, which raised \$30,650 to benefit the OBA Endowment Fund, OBA Trip Fund and the OB Speaker Series.

Twenty-nine players participated, playing on 18 different golf courses located across four provinces from B.C. to Nova Scotia. Players were: EJ Boffey '12, Andrew Funamoto '06, Charles Vennat '05, Glenn Funamoto, Mike Avedesian '88 and Bobby Avedesian '24, Justin Kuzmicki '05, James Shannon '08, Josh Wisenthal '99, David Stein '08, Sean McKinnon '98, Evan Sequeira '08, Vinay Desai '08, Breandan Flynn '08 plus fifteen SHS staff members.

Prize winners were: Lowest Old Boy score—E. J. Boffey with a 73 (receiving the William H. Daly '52 President's Cup); Lowest Guest Score – Glenn Funamoto, Alumni Parent, with an 81 (best score of his life); Lowest Team Score – Staff team of Carl Benoit, Lenny Dion, Dave Grier and Matt Held with a 69 (names to be engraved on the Tim Shorter '81 Downunder Trophy); Second-lowest Old Boy Score – Andrew Funamoto with a 75; Third-lowest Old Boy Score – Charles Vennat with a 79; Most Honest Golfer: Sean McKinnon with a 110.

Vinay Desai won the draw for a limited edition print of a painting by a local artist of the Selwyn House blazer and ties. The prints are being sold to raise money for a bursary in the name of the Class of 2021.



The winners: E. J. Boffey, left, and Glenn Funamoto

GOLF COMMITTEE

Old Boys

Mike Avedesian '88
EJ Boffey '12
Justin Kuzmicki '05
Sean McKinnon '98
Charles Vennat '05
Josh Wisenthal '99

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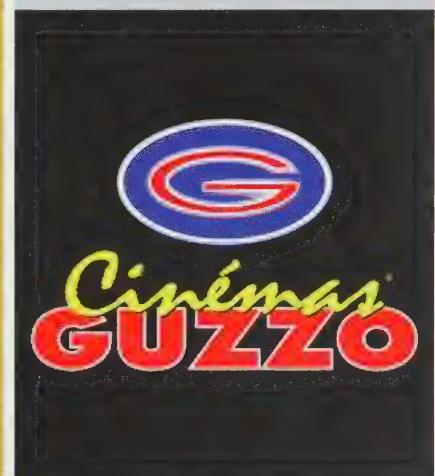
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Mary Ann Cloherty
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From left: David Stein, Vinay Desai, Breandan Flynn and James Shannon

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Calgary Reunion 2020

Because of COVID-19 restrictions at Selwyn House, traditional Old Boys' reunions and other public gatherings have become impossible. So, this year, our reunions have taken on a different character. On Oct. 14, Selwyn House Advancement Department's first online reunion using the Zoom teleconferencing app drew a small turnout: only two Old Boys from Alberta joined the group, but the evening was very enjoyable.

Michael Forian 2011 and Sam Skinner 2014 logged on to the reunion Zoom from Edmonton, where Michael is working in the Alberta Legislative Assembly as press secretary to Leela Aheer, Alberta's Minister of Culture, Multiculturalism, and Status

of Women.

Sam is splitting his time between med school and his role as an Infantry Officer in the Canadian Army. Sam says he entered the military in search of "leadership experience that you cannot get in the civilian world."

The two Old Boys were joined by Headmaster Michael Downey,

Old Boys' Association President Josh Wisenthal '99, Advancement Director Sharon Cozens, Mary Ann Cloherty, Director of Annual Giving and Alumni Relations, Communications Director Richard Wills and Jean-Pierre Trudeau, Director of Technology.



Vancouver Reunion 2020

The lure of Lotus Land was evident in the smiling faces of four Old Boys as they unanimously sang the praises of their adopted home of Vancouver, during the Oct. 15 Old Boys' virtual reunion.

Noah Bloom '96, Bryan Price '83 (plus wife, Andrea), John Schwenk '77 and David Seymour '51 all logged on from Vancouver by Zoom to join their fellow alumni and staff members for a friendly get-together. Even though they have all been west-coasters for years, some of these Old Boys had never met before.

Selwyn House Headmaster Mike Downey and his wife, Laura (coincidentally—and to their mutual surprise—a close childhood friend of Andrea Price), took part in the reunion, along with Old Boys' Board Members Josh Wisenthal '99 and Sean McKinnon '98, plus Advancement Director Sharon Cozens, Annual Giving and Alumni Relations Director Mary Ann Cloherty and Communications Director Richard Wills.



Andrea and Bryan Price '83

Reunions

Ottawa Reunion 2020

Five of our Ottawa Chapter Old Boys enjoyed meeting via Zoom on Nov. 12, proving that it is quality—not necessarily quantity—that makes for a good event.

Attendees were:

Anthony Le Moine '56, Retired Director of Finance at the Ottawa Centre for Research and Innovation, celebrating his 65-year connection with Selwyn House over three generations, as an Old Boy, SHS Parent, former SHA Board Member and son of an SHA Board member;

Greg Fergus '86, Member of Parliament for Hull-Aylmer;

Rodney Moore '58, editor and writer, Summits Management Office, Foreign Affairs & International Trade



Moore, Rodney

George Windsor

Canada;

Mark Haichin 2008, Started a research fellowship at Norman Paterson School of International Affairs, also a Junior Security Clerk at Elections Canada;

And **George Windsor '56**, Barrister & Solicitor with G.F. Windsor.

All joined Headmaster Mike Downey and Old Boys' Association President Josh Wisenthal '99, along

with Sharon Cozens and Mary Ann Cloherty of the Advancement staff, for a walk down memory lane (both the Redpath and current campuses) and some very thoughtful conversation.

California Reunion 2020

Four Old Boys attended the California Old Boys' Reunion, held virtually on Dec. 3.

Headmaster Mike Downey attended, along with Advancement Director Sharon Cozens and Annual Giving Director Mary Ann Cloherty.

Old Boys present were: Anders Bard '86, (movie producer in Hollywood); Anthony Dépatie 2008, (Assistant General Counsel at PeerStreet); Ross Nordin '86, (Assistant Vice-President at PennyMac Loan Services LLC and Sywa Sung '87, CEO & Creative Director at SYWA Studio.



42nd Montreal Reunion a virtual smash



pproximately 144 Selwyn House Old Boys, staff and guests attended the first-ever virtual Montreal Reunion, held on Oct. 22.

Classes ending in 0 and 5 celebrated special anniversaries. Norman Tobias '70, celebrating 50 years, opened the event with a toast to SHS. Paul Déry-Goldberg '95 gave the 25-year speech.

Old Boys from all across Canada and around the world (Japan, Australia, United Arab Emirates, France, Switzerland, USA) logged on to listen to greetings from Old Boys' Association President Josh Wisenthal and Headmaster Mike Downey, to participate in the organization's annual general meeting, and to visit with their classmates and former teachers in breakout rooms.

The event got underway at 7 p.m. Montreal time and lasted well past midnight, proving that it takes more than a pandemic to keep these Old Boys apart.

Attendees:

1969

Jay Nicholson

Stewart Patch
Guy Tombs
Brian Ludgate
1970 (50 years)
Peeter A. Kivestu
Robert A. Oliver
George H. Stinnes
Norman C. Tobias
Mark G. D. Walker
1975 (45 years)
John T. Antony
Rhett T. Barriere
Alexander Beamish
Stephen J. Chipman
Joseph J. Dydzak
James K. Goodall
Julian D. Heller
Georges Iny
Cameron Landell
Leslie M. Landsberger
Monro B. Lanier III
Robert S. Marie
Raymond A. Seton
Christopher J. Shannon
Murray M. Steeves
William T. Wood
1976

Donald J. Bloxam
1978
Michael T. R. Whitehead
1979
Stephen J. Hall
1980 (40 years)
Joshua B. Albert
Ali T. Argun
Duncan L. Baird
Ralph Beaveridge
A. Ross Bogert
Christopher J. Creighton
Brian G. G. Dawson
Glenn U. Fong
John-Peter Guy
Jonathan G. Herman
Aidan M. Hollis
Stephen J. M. Kohner
Eugene Kovalik
P. Sean Lafleur
Charles Mappin
David J. Miller
John A. Mulholland
Edward P. H. Nash
Nicholas S. Rideout
Anand Sahai
William J. Smeaton

Montreal Reunion, continued

John S. Trott Jr.
 David H. Williams
 Robert E. Young
 Vladimir Zeman
 Jonathan S. Zyro
1988
 Michael A. Avedesian
1990 (30 years)
 Richard M. Ankcorn
1995 (25 years)
 Raymond Ayas
 Hugo D. Blomfield
 Leo Chau
 Guillaume L. J. P. Corpert
 Paul J. Dery-Goldberg
 Eirc K. Goldwarg
 Laurence F. Isaac
 Muneesh Jha
 Joel T. Lowsky
 Maximilian G. Niederhofer
 David E. Novak
 Kyle-Sebastian W. C. Pilot
 Tal Pinchevsky
 Francesco San Gregorio
1997
 Carl Dholandas
 Christopher Eich
1998
 James S. Cameron
 Sean A. McKinnon
1999
 Peter M. Szilagyi
 Jason Tsoulas
 Joshua N. Wisenthal
2000 (20 Years)
 Christopher Blake
 Pablo Durana
 Matthew J. Finn
 Zaven Gunjian
 Theodore Kyres
 A. Sasha Mandy
 Matthew D. K. Munzar
 Enrico L. G. Quilico
 Charles-Edouard Robert-Morin
 Lt. Christopher Robinson
 Vidal Sadaka
 Benjamin W. H. Spencer
 Istvan P. Tokes
2001
 Kyam Shell-Schnitzer
2005 (15 years)

Justin A. P. Kuzmicki
2008
 Evren A. P. Boisjoli
 Anthony J. Dépatie
 Mark D. Haichin
 Evan J. Sequeira
2010 (10 years)
 Charles J. Boisvert
 Christian R. D. Buchanan
 Dylan M. Catellier
 Jean-Louis W. Chen
 Eric J. Del Balso
 Matthew D. Herman
 Joseph N. Kano
 Brendan P. Keefe
 Daniel J. Knight
 Jake R. Mullan
 Nikola F. Papich
 Anthony M. Salvo
 Michael L. Smith
 Lucas J. Trifiro-Jarzem
2011
 Fernand P. J. Le Fèvre
2012
 Eric-James C. S. Boffey
2015 (5 years)
 Michael A Frances
Former Staff
 Louise Dery-Goldberg
 (Alumni Parent)
 Geoffrey Dowd
 Minna Shulman

Barry Stevens (Alumni Parent)
Current Staff
 Mary Ann Cloherty
 Sharon Cozens
 Michael Downey
 Thomas Downey (Current Parent)
 Kathy Funamoto (Alumni Parent)
 Peter A. Govan (Alumni Parent)
 Sebastien Lajoie
 Michael Maurovich (Alumni Parent)
 Brenda L. Montgomery
 Robert Moore (Alumni Parent)
 Courtney Prieur
 Jean-Pierre Trudeau

SelwynConnect is a platform for Old Boys to use to stay connected with one another. We advise you to complete your registration at selwynoldboys.ca and take advantage of all it has to offer. It's a source for finding classmates, finding a mentor, planning your reunion, posting a job, and making contacts.

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United Kingdom Reunion 2021

Eight Old Boys and five staff members attended the annual reunion of Old Boys living in the United Kingdom, conducted by Zoom on March 23. They were: James Phillips '83, George Zarif '79, Nicholas Vit 2012, Connor Munro 2014, Anthony Lowther 2008, Robert Spencer-Nairn '45, Sean McKinnon '98 and Kyam Shell-Schnitzer 2001 (joining from Toronto). Also attending were staff members Peter Govan, Mike Maurovich, Mike Downey, Mary Ann Cloherty and Sharon Cozens.

After the group swapped tales of Selwyn House rugby



and hockey, Headmaster Mike Downey brought the group up to date on how things are going at school in a year he described as "fantastic," in spite of the pandemic challenges.

Athletic Director Mike Maurovich commented on the "plus side" of school life during a pandemic. He said he was impressed with how the students rose to the challenge and demonstrated

their loyalty to the school and their fellow students. "You'd be proud to be [attending school] in this atmosphere," Mr. Maurovich said.

European Reunion 2021

Five Old Boys and six staffers gathered by Zoom on March 24 for the first annual Selwyn House School European Reunion.

The gathering included two Old Boys now living in Germany, one from France and one joining from Ottawa. Their ages ranged from the Class of 1958 to the Class of 2018.

The conversation drifted from which guest present owned the oldest Old Boy tie (Rodney Moore) to who designed the current Old Boy tie (J-S Dakiw).

Old Boys present were:

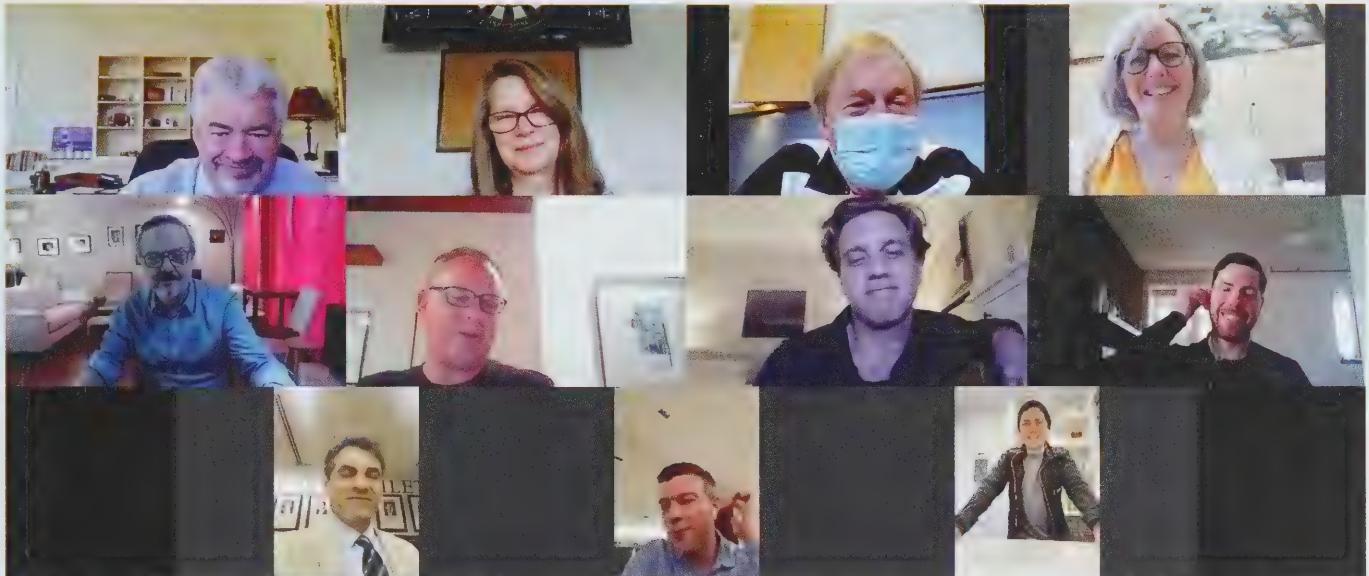


Franklin Ankum '77 (Germany), Aria Khiabani 2018, Rodney Moore '58, Derek de Bono '87 (France) and Jean-Sébastien Dakiw 2012 (Germany). Staff members were: Mike Downey, Sharon Cozens,

Mary Ann Cloherty, Richard Wills, Mike Maurovich and Peter Govan.

As a member of the Old Boys' Association board, Aria Khiabani 2018 gave a rundown of news from the OBA.

Reunions



Asia Reunion 2021

In April 8, three Old Boys joined six Selwyn House School staffers for the school's first-ever Asia Reunion. It was the cocktail hour in China but breakfast hour in Montreal, which made it a 7 a.m. Zoom call for staff at SHS.

James Soutar '83 and Taylor Dixon '02 joined from Hong Kong, while David McKinnon '95 joined the group from his home in Singapore. Old Boys' Board Vice-President Sean McKinnon '98 dialed in from Toronto, while OBA President Josh Wisenthal '99 joined from Montreal.

Staff members present were Headmaster Mike Downey, Athletic Director Mike Maurovich, and Sharon Cozens, Mary Ann Cloherty and Richard Wills from the Advancement Department.

And, of course, no Old Boys' Reunion would be complete without Coach Pete Govan, who remembers—or figures into—all the best stories from the past half-century.

Sean McKinnon recalled being out with classmates after an Old Boys' reunion and standing in line hoping to get into a packed club, when who should come out the door but Coach Govan. Spotting his former students, Govan takes them to the head of the line, where he says to the bouncer, "They're with me," and they all go back into the club. Turns out the DJ at the club that night was Old Boy Tommy Hazithomas 2001.

"You guys show up anywhere and everywhere in the world," Mr. Govan said.

James Soutar said his fondest memory from Selwyn House was winning the city football championship at

Molson Stadium against a heavily-favoured Loyola team. Before the game had even started, an over-confident Loyola had announced the location of their victory party, but a last-second touchdown swung the win over to SHS.

"The winning pass was Gavan Drummond '82 to Tommy MacFarlane '83," Soutar recalls.

There is a lot of institutional memory here, especially where sports are concerned.

The evening broke up with pledges to "do this again," proving that geography cannot break up the Old Boys' camaraderie. "The farther you get from home, the tighter it is," said David McKinnon. In fact, they took it even further, pledging for the three to meet soon to help map out the SHS Asian Chapter with a focus to bring even more Old Boys together.

Letter from Keith Fischer '97

"I attended Selwyn House for 4th through 6th grade, from 1989-1992. My two brothers attended, as well. We moved to Montreal as American citizens while my father worked at Johnson & Johnson. We returned to the States afterwards, and I have not been in touch with anyone from school since then. However, Selwyn made such an impression on me at a young age, and I have carried that with me and think about it often. Ultimately, it led me to working at an independent school in New Jersey as Director of Admission and Head Football Coach. Very different school, but I like to think I bring the values that SHS taught me. I would love to be included on any email newsletter about current students or alumni."

Toronto Reunion 2021

ixteen Old Boys and five staff members gathered online April 20 for the annual Toronto Old Boys' Reunion. Headmaster Mike Downey brought everyone up to speed about how the school is dealing with the COVID situation, predicting that the school would be operating as normal by fall.

"We hope to be back in blazers and ties by September," he said.

The conversation dwelt on the prospects of forming an Old Boys' pickup hockey team in Toronto, and the speculation about who will be next to join the school's Athletic Hall of Fame.

"I remember Gordon Phillips in his blue convertible two-seater with the rumble seat en arrière transporting soccer balls and whatever else was needed up to the two soccer fields we used on the mountain," said Anson



McKim.

Old Boys attending were: James Brooks '97, Matt Busbridge '99, Matt Behr 2016, James Cameron '98, Chris Eich '97, Steven Frankel 2000, Joshua Hanek 2009, Sean Maislin 2003, Anson McKim '49, Sean McKinnon '98 (OBA Vice-President), Michael Whitehead '78, Clay Sequiera 2014, Evan Sequeira

2008, Kyam Shell-Schnitzer 2001 (OBA Secretary), Anthony Garufi '98 and OBA President Josh Wisenthal '99.

Selwyn House staff members joining them from Montreal were: Mary Ann Cloherty, Sharon Cozens, Mike Downey, Peter Govan and Richard Wills.

New York Reunion 2021

Despite the challenges of the pandemic, it has been a productive year for the Old Boys' Association," said President Josh Wisenthal '99 to the five Old Boys present for the New York OBA Reunion on April 22.

Reporting on what's going on at the school, Headmaster Mike Downey said it has been an outstanding year. Of prospective students who have been accepted by the school, over 80 per cent are making Selwyn House their first choice.

This is in part because the school has developed a reputation as a school that handled the COVID situation very well. "The whole community has come together," said Mr. Downey.

The OBA is looking to establish a mentoring program and speaker series, a project that Fenton Aylmer offered to help with.

Attending were: Fenton Aylmer '83, Alexander Kippen



'78, David Marler '70 (originally from New Jersey, spent 16 years in the Near and Far East, now in Hamilton), Jason Tsoukas '99 (OBA Board member, now living in Burlington), Kyam Shell-Schnitzer 2001 (OBA Secretary) and Josh Wisenthal '99. They were joined by staffers Mike Downey, Mike Maurovich, Mary Ann Cloherty, Sharon Cozens and Richard Wills.

Reunions

Eastern Seaboard Reunion 2021



The first-ever Selwyn House reunion for Old Boys living in the eastern U.S. resulted in a spirited conversation with Chris Bruneau '87, who joined the online group from Washington, D.C., and George Sopel '86, who logged in from Brookline, MA, just outside of Boston.

Joining the Old Boys were staffers Mike Downey, Peter Govan, Mike Maurovich, Sharon Cozens, Mary Ann Cloherty and Richard Wills, along with OBA President Josh Wisenthal '99.

There were lots of laughs when the conversation turned to old times and stories of rugby tours, phys. ed. classes and bus trips in days gone by when risk management was less of a consideration. Nowadays, with more coaches and/or a physiotherapist present for every athletic event, there is less stress on the head coach. "Teaching is more focussed these days," said Coach Govan, who started at Selwyn House in 1972.

Headmaster Mike Downey brought the Old Boys up to date on how the school is coping in COVID times. After being locked out of school in the spring of 2019, the students

now appreciate being back at school, even with restrictions such as not having competitive sports. "The kids like being at school," he said. "The mood in Grade 11 is incredible."

"I've never seen happier kids," agreed Coach Govan.

Old Boys' Association President Josh Wisenthal '99 listed the initiatives that are being planned by the OBA and the efforts aimed at drawing a broader cross-section of Old Boys into the organization's activities. The May 18 launch of the OBA Speaker Series, for example, will feature sports professionals discussing "The Future of Sports."

"Being part of the OBA opens up a network to you that is incredible," said Josh. "Having a really strong network of people who will never say 'no' when an Old Boy calls."

"It's nice to know when I call someone that I'll get a call back," said George Sopel. "I'm going to get that person's ear and, likewise, I will grant that time if it's asked of me."

Chris Bruneau contacted the Advancement Office the following day and volunteered to be the U.S. Eastern Seaboard Class Chapter Representative to help build the chapter and offer more regular opportunities to get together.

OBA Induction

Induction proves OBA growing online



A record number of graduates signed on to be class representatives on April 1 when all 66 members of the Graduating Class of 2021 were inducted into the Old Boys' Association in an online ceremony.

Members of the school's 112th graduating class were joined by 18 staff members, including past teachers of the current Grade 11s and members of the Old Boys' Association Board, plus a number of parents (some Old Boys themselves), for an enthusiastic chat about what it means to be a Selwyn House Old Boy. "This is a powerful network you're about to join," said OBA president Josh Wisenthal '99 in his greeting to the class.

The evening began with a YouTube Premiere video in which Josh Wisenthal recounted how the Old Boys' Association was founded in 1953 by then-Headmaster Robert Speirs. At that time, there were 450 members of the OBA; now there are 3,248 active Old Boys living in 46 countries. The annual list of alumni events and activities is long and varied, but the option of holding these events online via Zoom means that more Old Boys can take part. "Thanks to the pandemic, we've actually been able to expand our outreach with Old Boys around the world," said Josh.

The bylaws of the organization require that a minimum of two graduates from each graduating class join the OBA as class representatives. Some members of the Old Boys' Board who were present commented that the demands placed on a class rep are varied and flexible. "Do something that matters," said OBA Director Justin Kuzmicki '05. "If you have time, give it."

Advancement Director Sharon Cozens and Annual Giving Director Mary Ann Cloherty explained the three types of campaigns at the school: Annual Giving, Endowment and capital campaigns. The Old Boys' Endowment Fund, for example, now stands at \$1.5M, and disperses \$60,000 per year in financial aid for deserving students. The Class of 2021 is currently establishing a bursary fund of its own.

Of course, Old Boys can donate to these funds, but they can also help out by volunteering at SHS. The Class of 2021 were told about all the various ways they can stay in touch after graduation. By the end of the April 1 induction, 17 graduates were volunteering to serve as class reps. Proof that the enthusiasm for being a part of this organization is running very high.

J.J. Molson 2014 signs with Packers

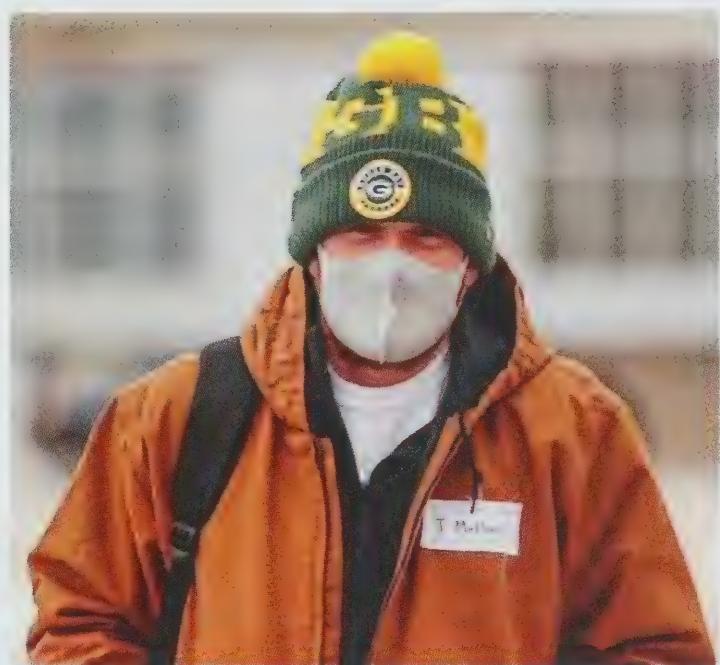
Old Boy J.J. Molson 2014 confirmed on December 22, 2020 that he has signed as a kicker with the Green Bay Packers' practice squad.

"I was signed to the practice squad roster as a backup for Mason Crosby for the last two games of the season and the upcoming playoffs," J.J. told Selwyn House Athletic Director Mike Maurovich January 7.

"I lift, practice and travel with the team, etc. Things are great. We have light practice today and tomorrow, looks like we'll be playing next Saturday, so that is what we are preparing for."

J.J. added that it was special being in Green Bay and practicing on the Packers' storied Lambeau Field. He is enjoying soaking up Packers history in the place he calls "The Mecca of Football."

The Packers' website says the team had been auditioning a number of kickers to ensure they had a full COVID-free roster heading into the playoffs. J.J. had tried out with the team in November and had served briefly on their practice team at that time.



Alessandro Lorenzetti 2020 signs with Michigan



After being scouted by over 24 schools, with major offers from each of the Power Five D1 conferences, Old Boy Alessandro Lorenzetti 2020 has chosen to join the offensive line of the team that has the most all-time wins in college football history: the University of Michigan Wolverines. Before moving to Ann Arbor, however, Alessandro must complete his final year at The Loomis Chaffee School in Connecticut. Standing 6'5" and weighing 285 lbs., Alessandro's entire football career so far has been played at Selwyn House. In the photo, from left: Headmaster Mike Downey, Coach Anthony Lukca, Alessandro Lorenzetti 2020, Coach Matt Addona and Mike Maurovich, Selwyn House Director of Athletics.

Friendships renewed at Colin No Classic 2021

The 17th Annual Colin No Classic basketball tournament—held online via Zoom on January 20—proved that Selwyn House Old Boys can sustain their high level of engagement with the school, even in COVID times.

Under current conditions, it was impossible to play any basketball, but the tournament spirit lived on in the banter and high-spirited reminiscing among the 42 Old Boys and staff who attended.

The evening was a celebration of basketball at Selwyn House, with an emphasis on the Class of '97 and their coaches. The online program started with pre-recorded welcomes from organizers and then proceeded to a live online group chat.

Tales were told of games won and lost, of high scores and low, from triple overtimes to 100-to-0 blanks, mostly involving members of Colin No's Class of '97. Colin, who was an outstanding athlete at Selwyn House, died tragically in 2002 at age 22. A fund in his honour, which pays for financial assistance to qualifying students, has raised a total of \$303,638 to date.

"Selwyn House was so important to Colin," said his twin brother, Toby. "He spent the most important years of his life at Selwyn. His love for sports is what made him a leader in the Class of '97."

"To say that we both enjoyed our experience at Selwyn would be a gross understatement. We really established meaningful and permanent relationships while we were here. We grew up to be well-mannered young adults at Selwyn."

Basketball Coach Marty Boyle described Colin and Toby No as "two of the best guys who ever came out of Selwyn House." He called them the "glue guys," who hold their teams together with their leadership. "Their teammates loved them."

Guest of honour Joel Anthony '99, the only Old Boy to have played in the NBA, lent the occasion a bit of B-ball cred. Joel paid tribute to his older schoolmate, Colin No, as someone



A scene from Colin No Tournament 2020

he "looked up to" in high school. This coming from a man who stands six-foot-nine.

After Selwyn House, Joel went on to play for two universities, five NBA teams, and for Team Canada. He is now retired from the court as a consultant for the Hamilton Honey Badgers of the Canadian Elite League. In honour of Joel's achievements, the Erene & Joel Anthony Family Bursary Fund was established in 2014 at Selwyn House School.

"It's good to see so many faces that were part of my childhood," Joel said during the chat session. "My family and I are grateful for the existence of this event."

"Selwyn House basketball has had a huge impact on my life," said Jon Merrit 2004. Attending Marty and Colin Boyle's basketball camp was one of the reasons he came to Selwyn House, where he is now a basketball coach and history teacher. He paid tribute to his coaches. "They instilled in us a lot of strong

values that I carry forward as a coach today. Selwyn House basketball is one big family."

"This is a great event to honour Colin's memory," said Ziad Kaedbey '97, who has attended nearly all the Colin No Tournaments. "The fund in his name is also a great thing because he was such a helpful guy. So selfless. I was lucky enough to know him and to stay in touch after Selwyn."

Old Boys' Association President Josh Wisenthal '99 was obviously pleased with the event. "We're really happy with the level of engagement of everybody in a virtual environment," he said. "Notwithstanding the fact that we can't do these things in person this year, participation has been really good."

Old Boys and staff members logged on to the Zoom tournament from far away. The long-distance award went to Lourenço Bustani '97, who joined the get-together from his home in Brazil. Runners-up were Vidal Sadaka 2000 in Washington, DC, and Richard Martz '97, Kevin Wang '97 and David Smith 2012 in New York.

Nicoll-Mitchell Cup played online

The camaraderie was so thick you could cut it with a knife at the 23rd annual Old Boys' Hockey Tournament—the quest for the Holy Grail known as the Nicoll-Mitchell Cup—which was held virtually for the first time in Selwyn House history, on December 18.

The Pre-Game Show began with a VIP and celebrity showcase of videos featuring: Headmaster Michael Downey, Athletic Director Michael Maurovich, Director of Hockey Development Chris LaPerle, Angelo Esposito 2006 of Hockey Etcetera, Canadiens defenceman #8 Ben Chiarot, San Diego Gulls Assistant Coach Dave Urquhart, and retired NHLer Torrey Mitchell 2002, co-owner of ELEV802.

Then it was time for the game itself—played out on PlayStation rather than on ice, using the video game NHL20. Bragging rights for winning the cup went to current Grade 11 students Noah Freedin and Thomas Plamondon, whose video-game skills were obviously sharper than their older competitors.

But the pleasure of the evening belonged to the Old Boys, who enjoyed getting together over Zoom for a post-game “Hot Stove” session at the SHS “Sports Centre” with special guests retired Montreal Canadien Torrey Mitchell 2002 and Dale Weise, Torrey’s former teammate on the Habs’ bench. Listening to these two stars talk about



Torrey Mitchell 2002 Zooming from his home in Vermont

the personal side of professional hockey was a rare treat for the Old Boys.

The introductory video also included a priceless clip from the tournament’s namesakes, former Selwyn House hockey coaches Tom Nicoll and Steve Mitchell, who reflected on their long careers behind the bench and regaled viewers with anecdotes about victories snatched from the jaws of defeat.

The video also included an interview with Louise St-Jacques, mother of Old Boy E.J. Boffey 2012, whose job it is to

stamp the winners’ names on the Stanley Cup each year.

Though it may have lacked the physical punch of a real game, the 23rd Nicoll-Mitchell Cup was definitely one for the books.

Thanks to Old Boys Sean Tepper 2008, E.J. Boffey 2012, Evren Boisjoli 2008 and OBA President Josh Wisenthal ’99 for their work behind the scenes on this first-ever virtual event. The OBA looks forward to offering more events for SHS alumni in 2021, so stay tuned.

Colin No Classic 2021 **continued**

The day after the tournament, Toby No ’97 wrote to thank the Selwyn House Advancement Department for organizing the event in honour of his brother. “It was a lot of fun for me,” Toby wrote. “I was pleasantly surprised at how well a Zoom call can replace being physically present at an event.”

Those attending were: Class of 1997: Kevin Boyle, James Brooks, Lourenço Bustani, Christopher Eich, Ziad Kaedbey, Ian Marquis, Richard Martz, Bradley Massi, Ajay Narasimhadevara, Tomek Nishijima, Toby No, Kevin Wang, Nicholas Yanow; Class of 1999: Joel Anthony, Joshua Wisenthal; Class of 2000: Vidal Sadaka; Class of 2004:

Jonathan Merritt (Staff); Class of 2005: Brendan Munzar (Staff); Class of 2006: Mark Sadaka, Dino Zammit; Class of 2009: Michael Cohen, John Lamont, Oliver Maurovich (Staff); Class of 2012: David Smith; Class of 2013: George Loutochin; Class of 2020: Enoch Tamale; Class of 2021: Daniel Bergevin; Alumni Parents: Alexander Zammit; Former Staff: Colin Boyle, Alfie Paoletti; Staff: Matthew Addona, Neil Banerjee, Martin Boyle, Mary Ann Cloherty, Sharon Cozens, Michael Downey, Julia Fekete, Peter Govan, Sébastien Lajoie, Michael Maurovich, Jean-Pierre Trudeau, and Richard Wills.

2 graduations in 1 year: 2020 and 2021

raduation ceremonies at Selwyn House in June of 2021 were unforgettable, following a unique pattern that befits what Headmaster Mike Downey called, “the most memorable year of all time.”

To mark their year end, the Class of 2020 had a three-day “Drive-Bye” event, but they did not have their Graduation for the presentation of diplomas and prizes until June 12, 2021. A video of the graduation speech by 2020 Head Prefect Isaac Cape was included in a compilation of remarks from valedictorians from across Quebec that aired on CBC on June 19, 2020.

“Inevitably, some of you will leave high school thinking that you really didn’t learn anything—nothing of any substance, at least. But I can assure you that this is far from the truth,” said Isaac Cape in his televised address.

At the school, retiring Headmaster Hal Hannaford, delivering the final address of his Selwyn House career, enumerated the four qualities of leadership: vision, passion, integrity and trust. “And, of those, vision is the most powerful. Our vision for Selwyn House is that each of you will develop a lifelong commitment to Selwyn Veritas.”

On May 28, 2021, a ceremony awarding ties and graduation caps, and including a valedictorian’s address by Head Prefect George Adamopoulos, was held under the tent in the Guzzo Family Playground.

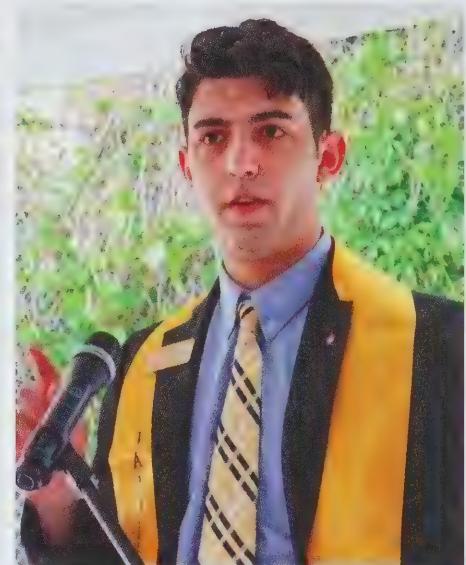
“I don’t know how we did it, but we made it. Grad 2021,” said George Adamopoulos, quoting Nelson Mandela when he said, “It always seems impossible until it’s done.”

“We are living in a global pandemic, an event that will be taught in history classes at Selwyn 20 years from now,” George said, adding that his classmates find themselves in “a different world from the one their parents graduated into, with myriad problems that their generation must solve.

“I think we can get there, and I think we must.”



Isaac Cape, Valedictorian 2020



George Adamopoulos, Valedictorian 2021

“I’ve seen 30 previous graduating classes and, in all honesty, I don’t think I’ve ever been as proud of a graduating class as I am of you guys,” said Headmaster Mike Downey. “You guys hung in there and kept smiling.”

The Classes of 2020 and 2021 both held their graduations this June, with

graduating students separated into pods in order to respect social distancing rules.

The Class of 2020 held their Graduation with parents on June 12 at the school; the 2021 graduates and their parents gathered at the Cinémas Guzzo Spheretech Theatres for simulcast presentations of awards and diplomas.



From left, Aidan Rawas, Michael Feldman and Aiden Cohen (all 2021)

Prize winners from 2020 and 2021

Class of 2020

McCall Prize for Art: Liam Hodgson

Patricia Marsh Drama Prize: Andrea Accurso, Matthison Avedesian, Ryan Cheema, Harris Woodward, Angus Wright

Prize for Distinction in Music: Imtiyaz Bandali, Enoch Tamale

G.C. Ian Burgess Award for Creative Writing: Liam Hodgson, Jonah Rosen

Byron Harker Prize for Literature: Isaac Cape, Carl Heidemann

E. C. Moody Debating Prize: Isaac Cape, Jonah Rosen

Français Régulier: Jack Leber

Français Enrichi: Hunter Hoy

Français Plus: Isaac Cape

Moody Prize for SN Math: Oscar McCavour

CST Math: François Groleau, Ewan Nisbet

Prize for Calculus: Isaac Cape

Prize for Chemistry: Isaac Cape

Prize for Physics: Isaac Cape

Yearbook Prize: Jonah Rosen, Demetrios Adamakakis

D.W. Christie History Prize: Liam Hodgson

Vincent Prager Award for Law: Benjamin Katz

Prize for Contemporary World: Christopher Denham, Alessandro Lecavalier

Prize for Monde Contemporain: Isaac Cape

Prize for Economics: Adriano Cecere

Prize for Political Science: Michael Carrara

Troubetskoy Prize for Social Studies: Michael Carrara

T.H.P. Molson Prize for General Excellence: Alessandro Lecavalier

Governor General's Bronze Medal: Isaac Cape

Massi Prize for Effort: Jet Astrologo, Oscar McCavour

Millennium Prize Donated by the Class of 1999: Christopher Denham

Thomas Chalmers Brainerd Memorial Award: Enoch Tamale

Jeffrey Russell Prize: Jonah Rosen

Lucas Memorial Medal: Isaac Cape



Isaac Cape 2020

Class of 2021

Patricia Marsh Drama Prize: Matteo Farias

G.C. Ian Burgess Prize for Creative Writing: Matthew Homa

Byron W. Harker Prize for Literature: Matthew Salvati

Moody Prize for Debating: Matthew Homa, Sasha Klein, Dylan Lee

Français Plus: Michael Feldman

Français Enrichi: Sean Vinh, Max Steinberg

Français Régulier: Brandon Itzcovitch

Math CST: Jaeden Edghill

Moody Prize for Math SN: Hugo Culver

Prize for Calculus: Matthew Homa

Prize for Chemistry: Matthew Homa

Prize for Physics: Matthew Homa

Yearbook Award: Eli Grant, Dylan Lee, Matthew Homa

Vincent Prager Award for Law: Guillaume Charbonneau

Prize for Contemporary World: Dylan Lee, Michael Feldman

Prize for Monde Contemporain: Sasha Klein-Charland

Prize for Economics: Hugo Culver

Prize for Political Science: Max Mitelman, Jaeden Edghill

Troubetskoy Prize for Social Studies: Matt Azoulay

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Headmaster Downey with Matthew Homa 2021

Old Boy Updates



1967

Cary Miller '67 married Deborah Oakes on April 23, 2021, in Montreal.

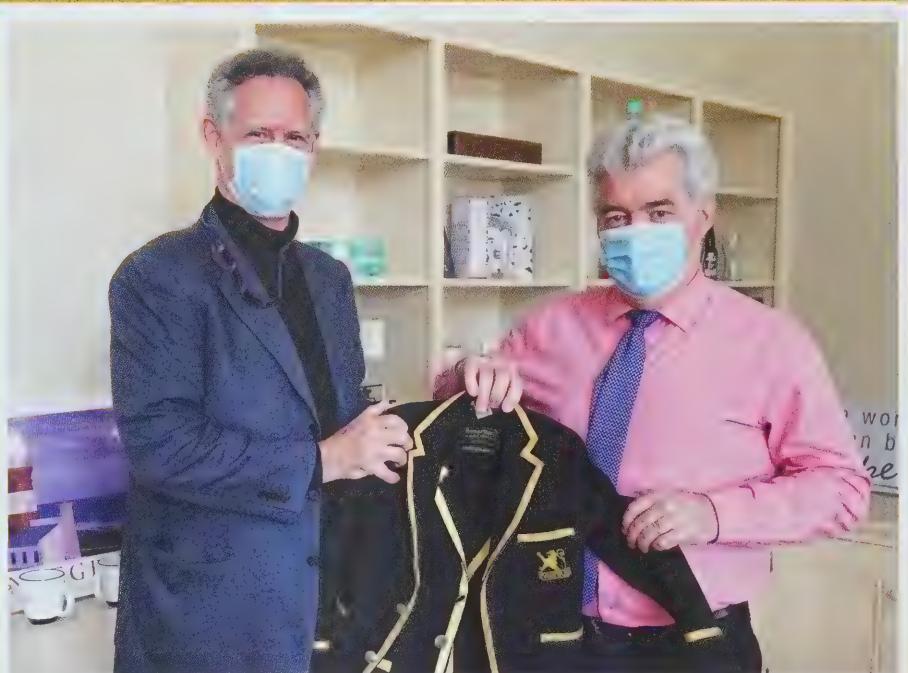
1969

Duncan Campbell '69 has resumed his old job

as interim director-general for the City of Westmount, a position he held from 2008 to 2014. "The incumbent was off on indefinite medical leave and Mayor

Smith needed some reinforcements to help out the city, says Duncan. "It was not planned at all, and COVID made getting back a little more difficult. However, many things remain the same so it is like I never left!"

For more details about Duncan's new old job, check out the June 8 issue of the *Westmount Independent*.



Alexander Kippen '78, who moved away from Montreal when he was in Grade 6, visited on April 19 with his Elementary School wool blazers in hand for the SHS archives. Alexander now lives in New York with his family and is co-founder and partner of LightTower Media.

1981

Over the Feb. 13-14 weekend, the ski trails around Orford were filled with Gryphons, as members of the



Delplace and Aitken families repeated their annual feat of competing in the Canadian Ski Marathon.

From the Delplace family, **Oliver 2022**, **Alexis 2020** and father **Marc '81** completed their Gold Coureur de Bois at the Marathon.

At the same time, **Angus Aitken 2017** and his dad, **Ian '81**, were also on the Orford trails winning their gold medals once again.

This year, for the first time, the marathon was a virtual event, with competitions being held at various locations between Feb. 6 and March 2.

In Orford, each competitor skied 100 km over two days in Orford Parc and slept under the stars on Saturday night.

"Oliver skied it in three hours and 42 minutes!" says his father, Marc.

In photo from left to right: Oliver, Marc and Alexis Delplace.

Old Boy Updates



Selwyn House Old Boy wrestler Sam Barmish 2004 won bronze in the 79-kg weight class at the 2021 Pan American Championships, held in Guatemala City from May 27 to 30, 2021. Sam defeated his Argentinian rival, but lost to the USA in what turned out to be an American sweep of men's freestyle classes.

1996

Selwyn House Old Boy Yan Besner '96 has become a champion of mental wellness in the legal profession and was recently interviewed by Dr. Joe



Flanders (also a Selwyn House grad, Class of '96), a Montreal-based clinical psychologist with Mindspace Wellbeing, on the Mindspace Podcast.

The legal profession has always been a culture that values hard work, financial rewards and status, often at the expense of personal health and well-being. But that culture seems to be changing, thanks to people like Yan.

2001



Chris Newlove 2001 and his wife Julie welcomed their son Caleb Julius Newlove. Posted to Facebook on June 2, 2021.

2003

Jonathan Emile 2003, singer, songwriter, and activist, was nominated for a People's Choice Award on International Reggae Day in the UK July 1, 2021. The nomination was for his recent release, "Babylon Is Falling," which Jonathan remixed and recorded with legendary British-Jamaican reggae fusion vocalist Maxi Priest.



The track was released via Emile's MindPeaceLove record label and distributed by Tuff Gong International.

The song, which speaks about dismantling oppressive systems, comes as civil unrest grips America and much of the world. Maxi Priest and Jonathan Emile designed the remix cover art, which features the now-iconic image of the Minneapolis Police Department's 3rd Precinct burning to the ground during a night of public outrage over George Floyd's murder.

"Working with Maxi was rewarding and inspirational," says Jonathan. "I'm just blessed to have had the opportunity to co-write with a master and a legend. He brought such a profound wisdom and dimension to the song."

2011

Michael Forian 2011, announced that he is the new public relations officer for the Senate of Canada. "I am very proud to be able to work for an institution made up of dynamic people who represent the diversity of





Christopher Robinson 2000 and his wife, Christina, welcomed Morgan to the family on February 14, a Valentine's Day baby, and a brother for Andrew. Chris is temporarily working in the UK and taking advantage of the posting to spend time with his relatives over there. Chris is reportedly still in touch with classmates, including **Danny Su 2000** in Taiwan.

talents, experiences and perspectives in Canada," Michael writes.

2014

McGill University Law Student **Brandon Montour 2014** was signed for a summer stint with the Toronto law firm of McCarthy-Tétrault and had an opinion piece published in *The Gazette* on June 21.

Now in his first year at



Gryphons present at the Bell Centre to watch the Habs beat Tampa Bay on July 5, 2021 were, from left: Mike Avedesian '88, Franco San Gregorio '95, Karl Schwarz '90, Jason Tsadilas '88 with daughter Alexandra, and Alex San Gregorio '99.

McGill, Brandon had applied to four firms in Toronto for the May-August tenure. He was on the phone accepting a job with the Attorney General's office when he had to cut the call short to accept the offer from McCarthy.

As one of the Indigenous graduates of Selwyn House and the only Indigenous member of his McGill class, Brendan says that promoting the inclusion of Onkwehón:we lawyers among Canada's elite law firms is very important to him. His piece in *The Gazette* deals with Canada's National Indigenous Peoples' Day.

2015

In observance of Black History Month, Selwyn House Old Boy **Joshua Archibald 2015** is profiled on the McGill University Athletics and



Recreation website for his prospects with the National Football League.

The article describes Josh as a player "who never played the sport before his senior year at Selwyn House School, but is a legitimate candidate to become the fourth McGill player to merit a roster spot in the NFL."

"Archie was destined for a talented career once we got him to put the pads on in Grade 11," recalls Selwyn House Director of Athletics Mike Maurovich. "He is a great example of perseverance and blossoming athletically once he found his niche."

After Selwyn House, Josh attended Upper Canada College, where his team won two championships. In his second year there, he was coached by another Selwyn House Old Boy, Oliver Maurovich 2009.

During his 2019 football season at McGill, Josh was named an RESQ All-Star.

"Statistically speaking, with his size, speed and smarts, he's what they're looking for at the NFL level," says

Old Boy Updates



Old Boys' Board member **Justin Kuzmicki 2005** is seen here with his wife, Julia Nemec, and their son, Connor Michael Kuzmicki, born Oct. 6. Justin is working in Sales Development for Lightspeed HQ-Golf.

McGill Head Coach Ronald Hilaire. "If he gets invited to an NFL combines camp, I believe that he has a good shot to make it at that level because he will be faster than most players."

Keel Scruton 2015 has been selected by the Macdonald Branch of the McGill Alumni Association as one of seven recipients of the Gold Key Award, in recognition of his contribution to extracurricular activities at Macdonald Campus throughout the last year.

A former Business



Operations Committee member and current VP of Finance for the Macdonald College Student Society, Keel assists the committee in overseeing the financial operations of the student society. When he's not dealing with finances, Keel acts as the voice of the Macdonald Campus undergraduate student body on the Board of Governors.

2017

In his February run for a seat on the Students' Society of McGill University (SSMU), Selwyn House Old Boy

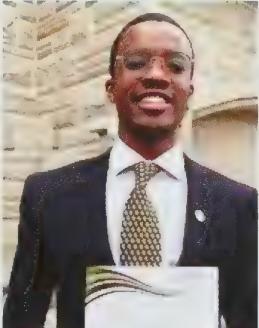
Jarren Fefer

2017 made mental wellness a major plank in his platform. "As senator, I would seek to expand services provided by the Student Wellness Hub by collaborating with the university as well as third-party providers," Jarren pledged in his announcement video.

"The Arts Faculty is the largest at McGill, with well over 9000 students, but we only have one assigned local wellness advisor," he points out. "Other faculties, including Law, with only 926 students, have two."

Jarren has worked in advocacy for mental health at McGill since his first semester there, having given talks as a speaker to the Student Association of Mental Healthcare and having served on the events committee for Stronger Than Stigma.

On Dec. 12, 2020 **Israel "Izzy" Tamale 2017** received his Duke



Andrew April 2004 and his wife, Christina, welcomed a little boy named Aiden Shea Sauro April, born in May 2021.

of Edinburgh Gold level award in a virtual ceremony hosted by Her Honour the Honourable Elizabeth Dowdeswell, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario. Izzy's mother, Irene-Cynthia Kitimbo, presented the award at the Zoom ceremony. Izzy's Award Leader, Selwyn House Director of Experiential Education Courtney Prieur, was also present. The Gold level award recognizes achievements in the areas of Physical Recreation, Skill Development, Volunteer Service and Adventurous Journey.

2019

Stanford Li 2019

and his brother **Yiwen 2015** climbed



Mt. Kilimanjaro in July 2021. For more info go to www.selwyn.ca

Nine decades at first Prefects' Reunion

The first-ever Selwyn House School Prefects' Reunion, held online on May 11, 2021, was a journey through the past and into the future. Nine decades of prefects and former prefects gathered with staff members to explore how being a prefect today compares with the experience of years past.

"This initiative not only brings a unique look at leadership at Selwyn House, it will connect Old Boys from across the generations and inspire future prefects," said Advancement Director Sharon Cozens.

Former prefects joined the call from Africa, Singapore, UK, Germany, Seattle, Chicago, Vancouver, Victoria, Ottawa, Toronto, and Montreal. Among the 53 people in attendance, older past prefects such as Tony Le Moine '53, Chris Hyde '57, Robert Diez d'Aux '64, Cary Miller '67 and Jody Amblard '74, offered some interesting perspective on how the office has changed.

"The Selwyn experience was different for those of us from different years," said Robert Diez d'Aux.

"I don't remember what prefects did," admitted Chris Hyde, who went on to be Head Prefect at Trinity College School after SHS.

Tony Le Moine, who was in the first Senior class after the arrival of Headmaster Robert Speirs in 1945, recalls that all 14 members of his class were declared prefects. But, at that time, Senior students were only 13 years old. "We weren't given a lot of responsibility."

For the most part, prefects' duties in these years were limited to monitoring the younger students in the hallways and the dining hall.

Because the years being taught at Selwyn House were changing at that time, Cary Miller was prefect for two years in a row. Hungry for greater challenges, he and his fellow prefects demanded from Headmaster Speirs that they be given greater responsibilities or they would resign en masse. "We felt we should have some status," he says.

Headmaster Speirs strongly disagreed, fired them on the spot and ordered Mr. Moodie to select the prefects himself.

Barely a dozen years ago, with the establishment of the student leadership program in Senior School, the role of the prefects was greatly expanded, Headmaster Downey explained.

In his time at Selwyn House, "The prefects had a big impact on the social lives of the other students," says Aria Khiabani 2018, who sits on the Old Boys' Board and who spearheaded the May 11 first-ever Prefect Reunion. "They were the people who gave so much of their time to student life."

What is it like to be a prefect today? "The Selwyn of today is pretty cool," answered the current Head Prefect, George Adamopoulos 2021, using terms like "brotherhood" and "community."

Tony Le Moine said the experience of being prefect instilled in him the life values he still carries with him today. "I find



Doing justice to the job: Prefects 2011

myself mouthing the same ideas as I go through life," he said.

Cary Miller advised his younger colleagues to recognize the value of being given a "top-notch education" at Selwyn House. "We had done the first year of McGill by the time we left Selwyn House," he said.

Stephen Tsoukas 2006 agreed. "You're more than prepared—you're ahead of the pack."

But Joseph Amblard offered a word of caution about being a Selwyn House prefect: "Don't let it go to your head."

Tony Le Moine concurred. "At Selwyn House, you're a big fish in a small pond. Once you're out, it's different."

His last words of advice for those who aspire to be a prefect: "Take it gracefully and do justice to the job."

Current Staff Attending: Headmaster Michael Downey, Neil Banerjee, Mary Ann Cloherty, Sharon Cozens, Julia Fekete, Former Headmaster Hal Hannaford, Sebastien Lajoie, Courtney Prieur and Richard Wills.

Alumni: Anthony Le Moine '53, Christopher Hyde '57, Robert Diez d'Aux '64, Cary Miller '67, Joseph Amblard '74, Bryan Fitzpatrick '74, Nicholas Powell '79, Thomas Antony '83, father-and-son duo Justin Vineberg '88 and incoming prefect Mitchell Vineberg 2022, Tom Kabuga '93, prefect brothers David McKinnon '95 and Sean McKinnon '98, Jordan Goldwarg '98, OBA President Josh Wisenthal '99, Dylan Jones 2003, Jonathan Munzar 2003, Thomas Spencer 2003, Andrew Funamoto 2006, Stephen Tsoukas 2006, Evan Sequeira 2008, Fernand Le Fèvre 2011, Jesse Caruso 2017, prefect brothers Dylan Kalaydjian 2017 and Luke Kalaydjian 2018, Israel Tamale 2017, Aria Khiabani 2018, William 2019 and Andrew Petrecca-Berthelet 2018, and Angus Scott 2018.

Current Prefects: George Adamopoulos 2021, Matt Azoulay 2021, Denis Dariotis 2021, Dean Farias 2021, Matteo Farias 2021, Michael Feldman 2021 and Matthew Homa 2021.

Incoming Prefects: Matthew Anderson 2022, Mackenzie Blaise 2022, Samuel Elkas 2022, Jack McLernon 2022, Zhencheng Qiu 2022, Ramy Sirhan 2022, Mitchell Vineberg 2022 and James Wiseman 2022.

In Memory



Frank Stark '33

FRANK STARK '33 After a full life, Frank Stark died in his 98th year, at Ste. Anne's Veterans Hospital on December 12, 2020. Frank was the oldest active Selwyn House Old Boy. His interests were many: his love of flying, beginning as a pilot in the RCAF during WWII; downhill skiing in the Laurentians as the oldest Red Birds Ski Club member; cross-country skiing; playing singles and doubles tennis, and paddling in his cedar canoe. He loved spending time

with family and friends in Westmount, Woodlands (Lery), Eastern Townships, across Ontario and, especially, Muskoka.



Alfred Dobell '35

ALFRED DOBELL '35

Alfred Martin "Alf" Dobell, Class of '35, passed away on May 7, 2021. Alfred attended Selwyn House until 1935, where he was a member of the SHS Scout Troop. Alfred went on to attend Bishop's College School, but returned to SHS in leadership roles as secretary on the Old Boys' Association Board from 1958-1960 and on the Selwyn House Association board from 1961-1964. Alfred's son, Ian Dobell '67, also attended SHS from 1957-1964, and, predeceased his father in 2004.



Peter Dobell '42

PETER COLIN DOBELL '42 died in Ottawa, on December 18, 2020, having lived a full and rewarding life. At Selwyn House and Trinity College School, he played soccer and hockey, and ran track. Graduating from the University of Toronto (Trinity College) in 1949 with a degree in history, he then completed a degree in philosophy, politics and economics at New College, Oxford in 1952.

JAMES MORISON '43, aged 90, died peacefully at Sunnybrook Hospital on January 14, 2020 after a long and fulfilling life. Jim was born in Montreal. His early dedication to music and athletics turned him into a skilled pianist, a formidable opponent on the squash court and a respectable golfer. He played squash and golf into his eighties, enjoying his association with The Badminton & Racquet Club and The Toronto Hunt. Forever resigned to introducing himself as "One 'r' Morison," Jim's life revolved around his family and business.



James Morison '43

MICHAEL LANSDOWN '49 Michael "Mike" John Blake Lansdown died on Tuesday, April 9, 2019 at the age of 85. Michael was born in England in 1933, and then immigrated at age 11 to Montreal in 1944, where he later graduated from McGill University in 1955. While at University, Mike joined the Royal Canadian Navy (Reserve), and served a year at sea after receiving his commission. Michael enjoyed a successful 40-year career as Marketing Manager at Dupont of Canada, which took him, Elizabeth and family from Montreal, to postings abroad in Melbourne, Australia and Wilmington, Delaware. In 1988, he was posted back to Canada, where he and his wife, Elizabeth, settled in Oakville, Ontario.



John Trott '52

JOHN TROTT '52 John Sutherland Trott Sr., Class of '52 passed away on January 16, 2021 at the age of 84 in Sutton Junction, Quebec. John was the father of two Old Boys, John Jr., Class of 1980 and Derek, Class of 1981 and attended Selwyn House School himself from 1943 to 1947. During those years, he was a Gold Six Cub Scout, a member of the Choir, an accomplished skier, a defenseman on the Cub Scouts hockey team and, in his final year, became a Senior Sixer. According to the 1946 yearbook, on February 17, John and 17 other SHS boys attended the Ste. Adele Ski Club's Midget Meet during unprecedently harsh weather. At the meet, John placed third in his age category in the combined cross-country & slalom, receiving one of the only medals for the SHS boys that day. As a student, John was described as being "steady and dependable" with a smile that could turn even the harshest of frowns.

In Memory

JOHN EAMAN

UDD '52,
Ph.D., P. Eng.,
died suddenly
in Ottawa on
Friday, October
6, 2017 at
the age of 80.
John received
his Bachelor's,
Master's and
Doctorate
degrees from

**John Udd '52**

McGill University, and subsequently became Director of the Mining Engineering Program and founding Director of the University's Office of Colleges and Schools Liaison. He then joined Falconbridge Nickel Mines and was Director of the Mining Research Laboratories of the federal government from 1984 to 2010.

IAN FORREST '54

passed away in Montreal on June 4th, 2020 at the age of 82. A native of Westmount, Ian left Selwyn House after Gr. 5 and attended Roslyn and Westmount Junior & Senior High Schools. A BSc Math & Physics graduate of Acadia University, Ian was elected President of the Students' Union in 1958–1959. He went on to complete an Electrical Engineering degree at the Technical University of Nova Scotia, following which he returned to his native Quebec and spent a fruitful career in his own consulting business. Singing and choral music has been central in Ian's life. For several years he sang with the Elgar Choir, served on its Executive Committee and as President. It was during this time that Ian met and

**Ian Forrest '54**

married Anne Gaynor Smith. Together they joined the St. Lawrence Choir in 1983. Anne predeceased Ian in 2016. Due to present conditions, a Memorial Service will be scheduled and notice published when pandemic restrictions are lifted.



From left: Ivan Ralson '61, Keith Murfin '59 and David Friesen '54 at Selwyn House.

DAVID EDWARD FRIESEN '54 passed away on February 10, 2021, at the age of 82, in the company of his family. David attended Selwyn House School from 1947-1950. During those years, he was a member of Cubs, Choir, Junior basketball and Junior hockey, where he played goalie. David came in second among Form A during the 1949 Academic Prizegiving and was noted as being "quiet and industrious" while getting "spectacularly high marks in arithmetic." David's family left Montreal and Selwyn House for Toronto, where he would go on to earn his civil engineering degree and build a successful career while devoting time to his growing family and woodworking hobby.



Peter Vodstrcil (right) with William Daly '52 at the 2008 Montreal Old Boys' Reunion.

PETER VODSTRCIL '56

Peter George Vodstrcil '56 died on January 18, 2021 in his 80th year, in Montreal, the last of a family who fled Eastern Europe to make a new home in Canada in the darkest days of WWII. Born June 11, 1941, Peter attended Selwyn House School from 1947-1956. During those years, Peter was a member of Cubs, Scouts (Patrol Leader of Bulldog Patrol 1954-56), Choir, Skiing, Swimming, Boxing, Soccer, Drama and Debating. Peter was a prefect and member of Wanstall House. Peter was awarded the following during the June 1956 Sports and Academic Prizegiving: Mackenzie Cup (Scout award to the Bulldog Patrol), Form V - 1st, Dramatics Prize, Distinction in Oral French, Distinction in Literature and the Lieutenant-Governor's Silver Medal for Academic Distinction in Senior School. Peter served as Secretary of the Old Boys' Association from 1968 to 1972.

DONALD CHRISTOPHER SKENE '59

passed away on Sunday, March 14, 2021. A humble and gentle man of many talents and interests, mostly self-taught, Chris enjoyed a rich and varied career in the music, recording and broadcast industries. As an accomplished guitarist, he was sought after by other well-known musicians.

In Memory

From having his own jingle company to voicing ads for Heineken and many other international brands, hosting a radio show in Thunder Bay to reading *The World at Six* on CBC Radio, engineering albums for many top Canadian artists including Anne Murray and Gordon Lightfoot to mixing the first Imax movie, Chris did it all with pace, grace and aplomb. These attributes served him well as a driving instructor for many years with the BMW Car Club of Canada. He was happiest at the limit going around corner five at Mosport Park racetrack in his vintage BMW.

PAUL BROOMFIELD

'81 passed away in Montreal on Sunday, January 10, 2021. "A gentle, loving soul who touched all who knew him with his open heart, generous spirit, wicked humour and magnificent smile."



Paul Broomfield '81

Paul attended Selwyn House School from 1970-1981. During those years, Paul was a member of the wrestling team and played Senior soccer. At the 1981 SHS track meet, he won the Victor Ludorum Award—the event's highest and most prized accolade. According to Paul's grad yearbook quote, his Selwyn House dream was "to go to Quebec City, tamper with computers and change [the school's] matric results." Paul continued to pursue his interest in computer technology as a detailed network planner for Bell Canada.

Paul's two brothers also attended Selwyn House — his twin, Christian '81, and Michael '91.

Please consider making a donation to The Open Door, The Old Brewery Mission, or Dans La Rue charities.



Peter Tolias (left) with retired teacher Jack Martin at the 2013 Montreal Old Boys' Reunion

PETER TOLIAS '88 died on December 28, 2020. Peter attended Selwyn House School from 1983-1988. During those years he played football and rugby. He went on to John Abbott College and McGill University. His sister Sophia is married to Robert Keene '82.

PETER SHEPHERD '74

passed away on April 21, 2021. Peter attended Selwyn House from 1971 to 1974. During his years at Selwyn House, Peter's creative writing skills flourished—three of his pieces were published in the 1973 yearbook—and he won the award for Distinction in Creative Writing in his final year. Peter also participated in the 1973 Inter-House Debating Tournament and received the Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen Memorial Award in Grade 11. Peter leaves behind his wife, Alex, his brother, Rob (Maggie), sister, Anne (Bob), their children and his cousin Pat, as well as a greater extended network of family and friends.



Peter Shepherd '74

Staff obituary: Cindy Morton



Our dearest friend and Selwyn House colleague, Cindy Morton, right, died on April 16, 2021. Cindy was always delightful company and a beloved figure at Selwyn House, especially in the Advancement Department. Her friendly smile was a constant at the registration table at golf and hockey tournaments, reunions and many other Old Boy events. She is seen here with friends and colleagues Irina Kondratieva, left, and Mary Ann Cloherty, at the Old Boys and Friends' Golf Tournament.

Founder's Day 2021

The Board of Directors
and the Headmaster
of Selwyn House
invite you to celebrate
the founding of the school
and to honour the 2021
Speirs Medal recipient

Vincenzo Guzzo '86



Thursday, Nov. 25, 2021

6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Selwyn House School
Some restrictions may
apply, as per
COVID protocols.

Presentations: 6:45 p.m.
Spouses and guests welcome.
Complimentary hors d'oeuvres
and refreshments.

in need (December); donations and letters of gratitude for the Friends of the MUHC Giving Tuesday campaign (January)

In the spring, Grade 7&8 students participated in several more school-wide initiatives: a Climate March organized by our Student Leadership class for Earth Day (April); a weight-lifting fundraising event for The Douglas Foundation (April), Blue Shirt Day event collecting donations for HelpRefugees.org in support of the refugee crisis in Greece (May), and National Denim Day to raise money for breast cancer research (May)

Middle School also joined the 1000 Acts of Kindness Campaign, initiated by Selwyn House teacher David Grier, with the goal of committing 1000 acts of kindness over a ten week period. In April, a class of Grade 7 students donated items and prepared sandwiches that were distributed to several food banks by Montrealers For Montrealers. Students also donated items and contributed to the school-wide monetary donation of over \$1400 for St. Vincent & The Grenadines volcano relief fund

Middle School teacher Matt McCarney was asked to sit on the jury for the Geoffrey Bilson Award for a second year. The Bilson Award is given out by the Canadian Children's Book Centre for excellence in Young Adult historical fiction.

Elementary School

Three Grade 3 students organized an activity to collect school supplies for the Tyndale St-Georges Nonprofit Community Centre in Montreal

Throughout the fall and winter, our students also participated in the following school-wide initiatives: Terry Fox Run for cancer research (October); Shoes for Schools annual shoe and boot drive benefiting local elementary school children (October); skate & helmet donation drive for Fondation Dr. Julien (October); donations for Christmas baskets given to Montreal families in need (December); donations and letters of gratitude for the Friends of the MUHC Giving Tuesday campaign (January)

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POST SECONDARY

Post-Secondary Placement

All Selwyn House School graduates continue with their academic studies at college or university. Students have attended local Quebec English and French CEGEPs, as well as schools and universities from over twenty countries world-wide. Some notable schools attended by Selwyn House Old Boys have been Oxford University, Harvard University, Stanford University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Princeton University, The Wharton School of Business, University of Cambridge, Columbia University, Dartmouth College, New York University (Tisch School), the Canadian International School of Hong Kong, University of Pennsylvania, Cornell University, University of Toronto, University College London, Northwestern University, McGill University, University of Edinburgh, Boston University, Brown University, University of Sydney (Australia), University of Groningen (The Netherlands), Université de Montréal, University of New South Wales (Australia), and Trinity College Dublin (Ireland).

Over the past few years, recent graduating classes have attended the following post-secondary institutions: AFS (Italy), Atlantic College (Wales), Bishop's College School (Grade 12), Class Afloat, Collège André-Grasset, Collège Jean-de-Brebeuf, Collège du Vieux-Montréal, The Culinary Institute of America, Dawson College, Germantown Academy (PA), Green Mountain Valley School (VT), The Groton School (MA), Holderness School (NH), Hoosac School (NY), The Hotchkiss School (CT), Hotel Institute Montreux (Switzerland), John Abbott College, Lakefield College School (Ontario), Lower Canada College (Grade 12), Marionopolis College, Middlesex School (MA),

Millbrook School (NY), Pearson College UWC (BC), Phillips Exeter Academy (NH), Pomfret School (CT), Royal Military College of Canada (Kingston), St. Paul's School (NH), TAV College (Montreal), Trinity College School (Grade 12), Upper Canada College, and Vanier College.



RECORD OF ENGAGEMENT 2020-2021 Academic School Year

Selwyn House School is a CEGEP/University preparatory school for boys, combining academic and program excellence, a dedication to the French language and culture, and a compassionate and supportive environment enabling boys to live a happy, balanced and purposeful life.

More than one hundred years after its founding in 1908, the school remains at the forefront of education in Canada, and its students and faculty are equally excited about the future.

This record represents a year's worth of effort and engagement by students, faculty and staff

MATHEMATICS

Mathematics Contests in Senior School:

Canadian Open Mathematics Challenge

This year our senior students participated in several mathematics competitions. The first was the Canadian Open Mathematics Challenge, organized by the Canadian Mathematical Society, a feeder organization for the World Mathematics Olympics, where Selwyn House hosted 15 participants

University of Waterloo Canadian Mathematics Competition

This year, 35 Senior Students from Grades 9, 10 and 11 elected to write the Pascal, Cayley and Fermat contests respectively. Over 1,000 schools across Canada participate in these grade-specific contests. Four of our students scored in the top 25% of the country.

Mathematics Contests in Middle and Elementary School:

All Middle School students participated in the National Mathematics League Contest.

Selwyn House Elementary School students participated in several math enrichment activities during the year such as Mathematica Centrum, Caribou contest, and Noetic Learning.

DEBATING AND PUBLIC SPEAKING

Canadian Student Debating Federation National Seminar

Two Senior School students attended. Selwyn House student was top Quebec Speaker

Canadian British Parliamentary Championship

Three Senior School teams attended

Carleton University Xerxes Cup (Ottawa, ON)

Five Senior School teams attended

Western University Debate Tournament

Five Senior School teams attended.

Queen's University Debating Society High School Tournament

One Senior School team placed second

Quebec Debating Championships

Selwyn House won the Junior and Senior Provincial Championships, as well as top Senior Speaker.

Senior National Debating Championships

This event was hosted by Selwyn House this year.

Four Senior School teams attended. A Selwyn House student was top Quebec Speaker

McMaster Debating Tournament

Five Selwyn House teams attended. One team made it to the semi-finals.



CSDF World Team Qualifier

Three Senior School students attended
Junior National Debating Championships

Two Senior School teams attended.
Marianopolis College Aristotle Cup

Selwyn House placed second
Dawson College April Fools Tournament

Five teams attended. One Senior School team placed second.

ESSAY COMPETITIONS

McEntyre Creative Writing Competition

Elementary School students participated in this local competition where they were awarded the following: first place, second place, and third place for Grade 1; first place and second place for Grade 2; and honourable mention for Grade 3

A Grade 8 student received an Honourable Mention for his poem in the McEntyre Writing Competition.

Polar Expressions Writing and Poetry Contest

Grade 6 students took part in this contest, and several students had their work published in its annual collection of poetry

Write for Justice Competition

For the third year in a row, a Grade 8 student has won the Write for Justice campaign run by the Montreal Bar Association. This year's award was won by one of our Grade 8 students and four other Grade 8 students received Honourable Mentions

SCIENCE

Elementary School: Expo-Sciences

This year, 50 students participated in the local final, and 35 teams qualified for the regional final. A Grade 2 student won the Gold Medal in the Juvenile 1 category.

Grade 6 had 2 students win Silver and Bronze Medals in the Juvenile 3 category

Prix Voiles en Voiles

Awarded to a Grade 2 student

Prix de la Société canadienne de météorologie et d'océanographie

Awarded to a Grade 6 student

Prix Musée Armand Frappier

Awarded to a Grade 6 student

Prix Spéléo Québec

Awarded to a Grade 6 student

Middle School:

Montreal Regional Science Fair

A Grade 7 student participated in the Super Expo-sciences Hydro-Québec on April 25-26. His project won second place Junior Division (\$500). He will receive a \$2000 scholarship if he studies at Sherbrooke University. He will represent Selwyn House (and Quebec) at the National Science Fair (20 places available).

2 Grade 8 students participated. One student won great distinction, the McGill University - Biology Award, the McGill University - Redpath Museum Award, and Super Expo-sciences Hydro-Québec Experimentation & Design Award (alternate)

His classmate won highest distinction, the McGill University - Department of Mechanical Engineering Award, the McGill University - Department of Mining & Materials Engineering Award - Materials Engineering Award, the McGill University - Physics Award, Super Expo-sciences Hydro-Québec Experimentation & Design Award. He will move onto the provincial fair.

ARTS

Drama

Using the writing, ideas, and artwork of the entire Selwyn House Community, Future Selwyn - A Utopian Exporable Art Experience opened for pod tours in May 2021. More than 500 students toured the exhibition and got a glimpse into the exciting world of Selwyn House 2071

Junior Jazz Band

Did not happen this year.

Senior Jazz Band

Did not happen this year.

Senior Choir

Did not happen this year.

OTHER

Dictée Paul Gérin-Lajoie - Elementary School

Students in Kindergarten to Grade 6 participated in the annual *Fondation Paul Gérin-Lajoie Dictée PGL*, a French dictation competition in aid of students in Africa and Haiti. The theme was biodiversity. One Grade 5 student was chosen to represent Selwyn House at the international final and won 2nd place

ATHLETICS

Selwyn House Department of Physical Education and Athletics managed to remain active throughout the entire 2021 academic year despite several challenges.

Middle School students managed to have 3 full sessions of PE a week in their pods. Activities included ball hockey, ice hockey, basketball, badminton, touch football, rugby, ultimate frisbee, ping pong, golf, lacrosse, bootcamp and cross country running.

Senior School students operated on a hybrid schedule, with classes happening both online and in person.

We look forward to returning to our options selection program and more competitive opportunities.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Faculty & Staff

During Earth Week in April, staff members were encouraged to take alternative forms of transportation to school. As a result, 20 trees were donated to reforestation efforts right here in Quebec.

Senior School

This year saw a continuation of our Middle School and Senior School students participating in the Leave Out Loneliness program with senior citizens from the Contactivity Centre, a local community centre for active seniors. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, students and seniors connected through Zoom all year. Students were able to chat with their senior partners on a weekly basis, as well as help them with any technological questions they had. Other projects with Contactivity involved seniors taking photography alongside students in the Grade 11 photography course. A Digital Literacy class was also offered to the seniors, with students acting as teaching assistants to help seniors navigate their devices. Seniors were connected to Elementary School classes, through Zoom, to read storybooks to the students. Finally, two holiday-themed music videos were created to bring the Contactivity and

Selwyn House communities together through song. The year culminated in an [Intergenerational Tea](#) on National Intergenerational Day (May 25) to celebrate a great year of engagement and friendship.

In the Senior School, student leaders initiated a variety of events, activities and projects that aim to provide a sense of community within the school and, in many cases, these activities raise awareness and funds for local charities.

Across the Grade 11 Leadership classes, awareness campaigns and fundraisers were held to support various causes, including Movember Canada, the United Nations Human Rights Commission to support Ethiopian refugees, the Terry Fox Foundation, the Douglas Foundation, the Old Brewery Mission, and [helprefugees.org](#), an organization supporting the needs of refugees in Greece. In total, the students raised over \$4,000 for these organizations.

Despite the restrictions in place this pandemic year, students were still able to support the holiday food collection for St. Gabriel's Parish. They gifted families gift cards for preferred grocery stores and gifts for the family to open on Christmas.

Selwyn House hosted its first ever Kindness Week in January 2021. The boys gave back to their Selwyn community in various ways and also supported the efforts of the Friends of the MUHC by writing notes of gratitude for the nurses and patient attendants across the MUHC network of hospitals. Along with these notes, the fundraising efforts of the boys was matched by the Friends of the MUHC, and a total of \$2,800 was donated to provide the nurses and patient attendants with coffee and treats.

Selwyn House's second annual School of Life event took place virtually this April. All Senior School students were able to choose speaker sessions from 20 different experts and changemakers, including a few Old Boys! The purpose of the day was to inspire students to become changemakers in their community by learning from both local and global citizens who are developing their passion to change the world. Topics included climate change and sustainability, mental health, Indigenous empowerment, women leaders and black changemakers from our community.

On Friday, May 14, Senior School student leaders in Grades 9 and 10 participated in a Community Engagement Day. Students were asked to choose a virtual service workshop offered by two dynamic organizations: Alive Outdoors, which focused on art, empowerment, and Envoy, which focused on serving ethically, responsibly and critically.

Finally, many students in the Senior School took an interest in the Duke of Edinburgh Program, which has a community service component. This year, 35 students received their Bronze award, and 3 students received their Silver award, each completing 13 and 26 hours of community service respectively.

Middle School

At the Middle School level, students were active participants in service learning opportunities. Middle School held raffle draws, fundraisers and snack sales throughout the year in order to raise money for Christ Church Cathedral's monthly lunches for the less fortunate. We raised over \$1000 dollars this year that helped to fund two lunches, one in December and another in April.

The Middle School organized a toonie collection within the Selwyn House community in October with donations benefiting The Depot Community Food Centre in NDG. In November, all Grade 7 students and some Grade 8 students volunteered to distribute flyers soliciting donations for The Depot to homes in Westmount. Over the year, several students participated in the Leave Out Loneliness campaign for Contactivity, a seniors' community centre. These individuals met weekly with senior citizens by phone or online, providing human connection to isolated individuals.

Throughout the fall and winter, our students also participated in the following school-wide initiatives: Terry Fox Run for cancer research (October); Shoes for Schools annual shoe and boot drive benefiting local elementary school children (October); skate & helmet donation drive for Fondation Dr. Julien (October); fundraisers for Movember's prostate cancer research and men's health (November); donations for Christmas baskets given to Montreal families



THE PATH FORWARD

Our campaign to open doors and open minds

September 10, 2021

Dear Members of the Selwyn House School Community,

On July 1st, 2021, Selwyn House became a fully private school. The decision to forego government grants means that we no longer have to restrict our admissions to boys with a Certificate of English Eligibility and that every boy who dreams of a Selwyn education can now apply to our school. Opening our doors to students from all linguistic and cultural communities will open our boys' minds to different realities and points of view. It will help our boys "be true to their world," which is our newest Veritas pillar.

However, this exciting path forward comes at a considerable cost. We are foregoing \$1.5 million in annual government grants, and our faculty has had to leave the government pension program at an annual cost of \$750,000. In anticipation of this eventuality, we have been setting aside \$250 per student, per year, since 2018. We also have higher enrollment numbers for 2021-2022. However, we need to do more if we are going to keep our fees accessible to the community and competitive with those of other schools. Providing more bursaries is yet another objective, as a boy's financial situation should never be a barrier to benefitting from the Selwyn House experience.

We have therefore launched a major fundraising campaign, called "The Path Forward: Our campaign to open doors and open minds." Funds raised will go toward minimizing tuition fee increases, building our endowment fund, and boosting our bursary program for secondary students.

We are extremely fortunate to have a strong team of volunteers leading our campaign. Our cabinet consists of Honorary Co-Chairs France Chrétien-Desmarais and André Desmarais '73; Co-Chairs Vincenzo Guzzo '86 and Mark L. Smith; as well as Ian Aitken '81, Caroline Deitcher, Michael Denham, Philippe Desmarais '03, Lloyd Feldman, Anna Gainey, Conrad Harrington '00, Jean-François Marcoux, Jason Tsadilas '88, Justin Vineberg '88, and Rody Yared. We thank them wholeheartedly for their time and dedication.

Our path forward is about opening doors to more students and opening minds to new ways of thinking. We want Selwyn House boys to be true to themselves, to others, to their school, and to their world. Becoming fully independent and embarking on this campaign will ensure that we reach those goals. We hope we can count on your support.

Sincerely,



Michael Avedesian '88
Chair, Selwyn House Association Board of Directors



Michael Downey
Headmaster, Selwyn House School



LE
CHEMIN VERS L'AVENIR

Notre campagne pour ouvrir les portes et les esprits

Le 10 septembre 2021

Chers membres de la communauté de l'école Selwyn House,

Le 1er juillet 2021, l'école Selwyn House est devenue une école entièrement privée. La décision de renoncer aux subventions gouvernementales signifie que nous ne devons plus restreindre nos admissions aux garçons possédant une déclaration d'admissibilité à l'enseignement en anglais et que tous les garçons qui rêvent d'une éducation à Selwyn peuvent désormais postuler à notre école. Ouvrir nos portes aux élèves de toutes les communautés linguistiques et culturelles ouvrira l'esprit de nos garçons à des réalités et des points de vue différents. Cela aidera nos garçons à mieux « connaître et respecter leur monde », ce qui est le quatrième pilier de notre devise, *Veritas*.

Cependant il y a un prix élevé à payer pour emprunter cette voie. En effet, nous renonçons à des subventions gouvernementales annuelles de 1,5 million de dollars. De plus, notre corps professoral a dû quitter le régime de retraite des employés du gouvernement, ce qui représente des frais annuels supplémentaires de 750 000 \$ pour l'institution. En prévision de ce manque à gagner, nous mettons de côté 250 \$ par élève par année depuis 2018. Nous pouvons également compter sur une augmentation du nombre d'inscriptions en 2021-2022. Il nous faut toutefois en faire plus pour que nos droits de scolarité restent accessibles à la communauté et concurrentiels par rapport à ceux des autres écoles. Offrir davantage de bourses est aussi essentiel, afin que le plus de garçons possible puissent bénéficier de l'expérience Selwyn House, indépendamment de leur situation financière.

C'est pour cette raison que nous avons lancé une campagne de financement, qui a pour thème « Le chemin vers l'avenir : Notre campagne pour ouvrir les portes et les esprits ». Les sommes recueillies serviront à minimiser l'augmentation des droits de scolarité, à constituer un fonds de dotation et à élargir notre programme de bourses à l'intention des élèves du secondaire.

Nous sommes extrêmement chanceux de pouvoir compter sur un cabinet de campagne solide, formé de bénévoles. Les coprésidents honoraires de la campagne sont Mme France Chrétien-Desmarais et M. André Desmarais '73, et les coprésidents sont MM. Vincenzo Guzzo '86 et Mark L. Smith. Les autres membres du cabinet sont MM. Ian Aitken '81, Michael Denham, Philippe Desmarais '03, Lloyd Feldman, Conrad Harrington '00, Jean-François Marcoux, Jason Tsadilas '88, Justin Vineberg '88, Rody Yared ainsi que Mmes Caroline Deitcher et Anna Gainey. Nous sommes très reconnaissants envers tous ces bénévoles, qui consacrent beaucoup de temps à notre cause et qui font preuve d'un dévouement exemplaire.

« Le chemin vers l'avenir » signifie ouvrir nos portes à un nombre plus élevé d'élèves et ouvrir les esprits, en proposant de nouvelles façons de penser. Nous voulons que les garçons qui fréquentent Selwyn House se respectent, et respectent les autres, leur école et le monde. Acquérir notre pleine indépendance financière et mener cette campagne de financement nous permettront de réaliser ces importants objectifs. Nous espérons sincèrement pouvoir compter sur votre appui.

Cordialement,

Le président du conseil d'administration
de l'Association Selwyn House,



Michael Avedesian '88

Le directeur général de l'École Selwyn House,



Michael Downey





LE CHEMIN
VERS L'AVENIR



THE PATH
FORWARD

Notre campagne pour ouvrir
les portes et les esprits

SELWYN HOUSE

DEPUIS 1908



SINCE 1908

Our campaign to open
doors and open minds

A message from our Honorary Co-Chairs



Our family's commitment to Selwyn House is multi-generational.



We support Selwyn House because it has never wavered from its commitment to Veritas and to providing the very best education for boys. Families are attracted to the school because of its caring, community-like atmosphere and its culture of respect and integrity. In addition to preparing boys on the academic and athletic levels, the school also instills the values needed to prepare its students for their future.

While remaining true to itself, Selwyn House

continues to adapt and evolve to meet the changing needs of young people and their families. In recent years, the school expanded its experiential learning opportunities and developed innovative programs that foster curiosity, awareness, integrity, and leadership, all of this in a bilingual context.

Selwyn House is already a great school. And, now that it has fully become independent, the school is poised to become an even more diverse and international institution. Attracting talented people from around the world to work in Montréal—whether they be from the business, academic, science, or arts sector—is easier when there are excellent educational opportunities here for their children. This can be a critical factor in their decision-making process. In this regard, Selwyn House is an atout for our city, our province, and our country.

Opening Selwyn House's doors comes at a cost. The "Path Forward" campaign will ensure that Selwyn House remains accessible while it continues to lead the way in boys' learning.

We are delighted to be part of this pivotal campaign, and we hope you will join us in strengthening this unique and vital Montréal institution.


FRANCE CHRETIEN-DESMARAIS


ANDRE DESMARAIS '73

On July 1, 2021, Selwyn House became a fully private school. We have therefore launched a major fundraising campaign to minimize tuition fee increases, build our endowment fund, and boost our bursary program for high school students.

Le 1^{er} juillet 2021, l'école Selwyn House est devenue une école entièrement privée. C'est pour cette raison que nous avons lancé une campagne de financement qui nous permettra de minimiser l'augmentation des droits de scolarité, d'augmenter le capital de notre fonds de dotation, et d'élargir notre programme de bourses à l'intention des élèves du secondaire.

MICHAEL
AVEDESIAN '88
Chair, Selwyn House
Association Board
of Directors —
Président du conseil
d'administration
Association Selwyn
House

Un message de nos coprésidents d'honneur

L'engagement de notre famille envers l'école Selwyn House est multigénérationnel.

Nous soutenons l'école Selwyn House car elle a toujours été fidèle à sa devise, *Veritas*, et car elle a toujours offert la meilleure éducation possible aux garçons. L'attrait que Selwyn House exerce sur les familles s'explique par le caractère bienveillant et communautaire du milieu qu'elle propose, de même que par sa culture, axée sur le respect et l'intégrité. Cet établissement inculque à ses élèves les valeurs nécessaires pour les préparer à leur avenir, et ce, non seulement sur les plans scolaire et athlétique.

Tout en restant fidèle à elle-même, l'école Selwyn House n'a jamais cessé de s'adapter et d'évoluer, afin de répondre aux besoins en constante évolution des jeunes et de leur famille. Au cours des dernières années, cet établissement a élargi les possibilités d'apprentissage expérientiel et a élaboré des programmes novateurs, dans une optique de stimulation de la curiosité et de valorisation de la prise de conscience, de l'intégrité et du leadership de ses élèves, dans un contexte bilingue.

Selwyn House est déjà une grande institution. Maintenant qu'elle a acquis sa pleine indépendance, elle est en voie de devenir encore plus diversifiée et plus internationale. Il est inutile de rappeler qu'il est plus facile d'attirer des personnes talentueuses du monde entier pour travailler à Montréal—qu'elles soient issues du monde des affaires, du milieu

universitaire, du domaine scientifique ou du milieu artistique—lorsqu'il existe d'excellentes possibilités d'éducation pour leurs enfants. Cet élément peut d'ailleurs être un facteur déterminant dans la décision d'accepter ou non une offre d'emploi ici. À cet égard, Selwyn House constitue un atout de taille pour notre ville, notre province et pour notre pays.

Ouvrir les portes de Selwyn House a un coût. La campagne «Le chemin vers l'avenir» permettra à cet établissement de demeurer accessible, tout en continuant à montrer aux garçons la voie à suivre en matière d'éducation.

Nous sommes ravis de participer à cette campagne de financement d'une importance capitale. Nous espérons que vous nous joindrez à nous dans nos efforts visant à rendre encore plus forte cette institution, qui occupe une place unique et cruciale à Montréal.



FRANCE CHRÉTIEN-DESMARAIS



ANDRÉ DESMARAIS '73



We hope you will join us in strengthening this unique and vital Montréal institution.

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A message from our Co-Chairs

Our decision to no longer accept government grants is made, and our path forward is set. We are now able to open our doors to Montrealers of all backgrounds.

Until now, enrolment in our secondary school was restricted to boys with English eligibility certificates. Grade 6 graduation ceremonies were bittersweet, with some boys in tears, knowing their Selwyn House experience had come to an end and that they were saying goodbye to their friends.

By opening our doors, Selwyn House will become a meeting place for anglophones, francophones and newcomers. While remaining an English school, we will continue to have a strong French program and be a point of pride for Montréal and Québec. We will increasingly become a destination school, attracting talented young people from across the island and beyond.

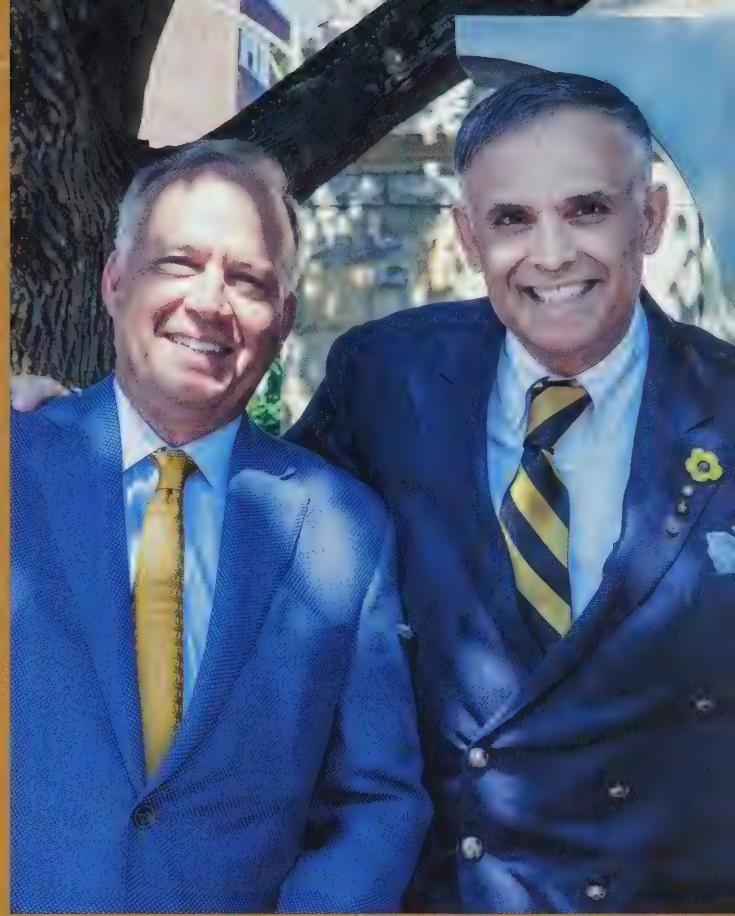
However, opening our doors presents significant financial challenges.

We are foregoing \$1.5 million in annual government grants. And, our faculty has had to leave the government pension program, which adds an annual cost of \$750,000 to the school.

We have been preparing for this revenue loss for several years. Since 2018-2019, we have been putting aside \$250 per student per year in order to slow down the tuition fee increase. Next year's increase in enrolment will help as well.

But, we need to do more if we don't want to price ourselves out of the reach of too many Montrealers. We appreciate that more families will require financial aid to keep up with rising tuition fees, and some middle-class families will reach a threshold at which they won't be able to afford Selwyn down the road.

With that in mind, we have launched a fundraising campaign which will go toward minimizing tuition fee increases and boosting our bursary program for secondary school students.



MARK L. SMITH

VINCENZO GUZZO '86

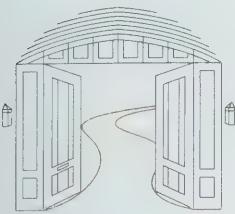
We are proud to be chairing "The Path Forward" campaign because it will ensure that Selwyn House can continue to welcome a broad cross section of Montrealers into its family. We urge you to join us in this effort to keep our school accessible by contributing to this important campaign, which will ensure that Selwyn House remains a model for boys' education.

VINCENZO GUZZO '86

Parent of Angelo '15, Vittorio '17, Vito '22, and Delano '26

MARK L. SMITH

Parent of Michael '10, David '12, and Patrick '14



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Notre décision de ne plus accepter de subventions gouvernementales est prise, et notre chemin vers l'avenir est tout tracé. En effet, nous sommes maintenant en mesure d'ouvrir nos portes aux Montréalais de tous les horizons.

Jusqu'à tout récemment, seuls les garçons détenant une déclaration d'admissibilité à l'enseignement en anglais pouvaient fréquenter notre école. Les cérémonies de remise des diplômes de sixième année avaient souvent un goût doux-amer; certains garçons étaient en larmes, sachant qu'ils devaient alors se séparer de leurs amis et poursuivre leur formation dans un autre établissement que Selwyn House.

En ouvrant ses portes à l'ensemble de la population, l'école Selwyn House deviendra un lieu de rencontre pour les anglophones, les francophones et pour les nouveaux arrivants. Bien que l'établissement demeure une école de langue anglaise, nous continuerons à offrir un programme enrichi d'enseignement du français et nous resterons un point de fierté pour Montréal et pour le Québec. Selwyn House deviendra de plus en plus une destination de choix, attirant de jeunes garçons de l'ensemble de l'île de Montréal et des environs.

Cependant, cela entraîne des défis financiers considérables.

Nous renonçons à des subventions gouvernementales annuelles de 1,5 million de dollars. De plus, notre corps professoral a dû quitter le régime de retraite des employés du gouvernement, ce qui représente des frais annuels supplémentaires de 750 000\$ pour l'institution.

Nous nous préparons depuis plusieurs années pour cette perte de revenus. Depuis l'année 2018-2019, nous mettons de côté 250\$ par élève par année, afin de ralentir le rythme d'augmentation des droits de scolarité. L'augmentation du nombre d'inscriptions l'an prochain nous aidera aussi à cet égard.

Toutefois, nous devons en faire plus si nous ne voulons pas nous voir dans l'obligation d'exiger des droits de scolarité trop élevés pour un trop grand nombre de Montréalais. Nous sommes conscients du fait que davantage de familles auront besoin d'une aide financière pour composer avec l'augmentation des droits de scolarité, qui atteindront un jour un niveau tel que certaines familles de la classe moyenne n'auront plus la capacité financière d'envoyer leur enfant à l'école Selwyn House. C'est dans cette optique que nous avons lancé une campagne de financement visant à minimiser les augmentations des droits de scolarité et à élargir notre programme de bourses à l'intention des élèves du secondaire.

Nous sommes fiers de coprésider la campagne « Le chemin vers l'avenir », car cette activité de financement permettra à Selwyn House de continuer à accueillir au sein de sa grande famille des jeunes Montréalais de tous les milieux. Nous vous encourageons vivement à participer à cette campagne importante, qui rendra Selwyn House plus accessible et qui lui permettra de rester un modèle en matière d'éducation des garçons.

VINCENZO GUZZO '86

Parent d'Angelo '15, Vittorio '17, Vito '22 et Delano '26

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En empruntant le chemin vers l'avenir, nous voulons ouvrir nos portes à un nombre plus élevé d'élèves et ouvrir les esprits, en proposant de nouvelles façons de penser.



MICHAEL DOWNEY

What makes Selwyn House truly unique is our caring, community-minded atmosphere and our culture of empathy and integrity. The vision of our school is made up of our Veritas pillars – our fundamental truths: We want our boys to be true to themselves, true to others, and true to their school.

But, in this era of globalization and interdependence, we also want our boys to develop something else: a greater sense of respect and responsibility for the world in which we live. With that in mind, we recently added a fourth pillar to our Veritas vision: Be true to your world.

If we've only learned one thing from this pandemic, it's that we are all in this together. Everything that's happening around the world is affecting everyone else. We need our boys to be aware of that. We want them to go through life taking care of one another and being kind and respectful to everyone around them.

We are already doing a great job of shaping boys to be broad-minded, kind-hearted and well-rounded. We are exposing them to new cultures and perspectives through initiatives like our indigenization process and our "Our House" themes. Now that we are becoming fully independent, we will be able to do even more.

By eliminating the need for an eligibility certificate and boosting our financial assistance, we'll be able to welcome boys from even more backgrounds and communities into our school. Our students are going to be surrounded by others whose day-to-day reality and experiences may be very different from their own. It's going to be eye-opening and enriching, and it will create real-life opportunities to appreciate both our differences and our similarities and to understand the important issues that impact the people with whom we interact every day.

Our path forward is about opening doors to more students and opening minds to new ways of thinking. If we want Selwyn House boys to be true to themselves, to others, to their school, and to their world, making the decision to become fully independent and to embark on this campaign is the best way to go about it. I hope we can count on your support.

Headmaster



We celebrate the decision to incorporate the focus on being "true to your world" into the SHS Educational Philosophy, namely in regards to integrity, leadership, partnership and justice, and in consideration of inclusion.

CHRISTIAN AND GENEVIÈVE NOVAK
Current Parents

Un message de notre directeur général

Les éléments qui font de Selwyn House une école unique en son genre sont son climat bienveillant, son esprit communautaire, ainsi que sa culture, qui met l'accent sur l'empathie et sur l'intégrité. La vision de notre établissement repose sur les piliers de notre devise, Veritas, qui sont nos vérités fondamentales : connaissance et respect de soi, des autres et de son école. Nous voulons que les garçons qui fréquentent notre établissement partagent ces valeurs.

Toutefois, en cette ère de mondialisation et d'interdépendance, nous souhaitons également que nos garçons adhèrent à une autre valeur. En effet, nous voulons aussi qu'ils aient davantage de respect pour le monde dans lequel nous vivons. C'est dans cet esprit que nous avons récemment ajouté un quatrième pilier à notre devise, Veritas : Connaissance et respect du monde.

S'il y a une leçon que nous avons retenue de la pandémie, c'est que nous sommes tous partenaires de la grande aventure humaine. Tout ce qui se passe dans le monde a une incidence sur les autres, où qu'ils soient. Il faut que nos élèves soient conscients de cette réalité. Notre objectif est qu'ils avancent dans la vie en se préoccupant des autres ainsi qu'en faisant preuve de gentillesse et de respect envers les membres de leur entourage.

Nous déployons déjà beaucoup d'efforts pour que nos garçons deviennent des hommes ouverts d'esprit, généreux et équilibrés. Nous les exposons à de nouvelles cultures et à de nouvelles perspectives, grâce à divers projets comme notre processus d'autochtonisation et nos thèmes « Our House ». Maintenant que nous acquérons notre pleine indépendance, nous allons être en mesure de faire encore plus.

En éliminant l'obligation de présenter une déclaration d'admissibilité à l'enseignement en anglais pour fréquenter notre établissement, et en élargissant notre programme d'aide financière, nous allons pouvoir accueillir des garçons issus de milieux plus diversifiés. Nos élèves fréquenteront dès jeuness dont la réalité et le quotidien pourront être très différents



de ce qu'ils connaissent. Ce sera une expérience édifiante et enrichissante pour tous. Cette situation va aussi ancrer nos élèves dans le réel et leur permettre de prendre conscience des différences et des similitudes des expériences de leurs camarades. Ce sera aussi une occasion de comprendre les enjeux importants ayant une incidence sur les personnes avec lesquelles nous interagissons au quotidien.

En empruntant le chemin vers l'avenir, nous voulons ouvrir nos portes à un nombre plus élevé d'élèves et ouvrir les esprits, en proposant de nouvelles façons de penser. La décision de faire de Selwyn House un établissement entièrement indépendant constitue le meilleur moyen d'atteindre cet objectif et de continuer à inculquer à nos élèves le respect de soi, des autres, de leur école et du monde. C'est pourquoi nous lançons cette campagne de financement. J'espère sincèrement que Selwyn House pourra compter sur votre appui.

MICHAEL DOWNEY
Directeur général



About "Our House"

The idea behind "Our House" is to make us more aware of the rich diversity that exists within our community and to help our boys become broader thinkers and better citizens. The "Our House" team, made up of staff members and students, creates resources and activities that allow us to explore the history and culture of different people and that challenge us to be more mindful of what we say and do. Recent "Our House" themes have included:

Mental & Physical Disability Awareness |
World Religions | Black History |
Culture Québécoise | Jewish History & Culture | Genders & Sexualities

À propos de « Our House »

L'idée derrière « Our House » est de nous sensibiliser à la riche diversité qui existe dans notre communauté et aussi pour susciter la réflexion chez nos élèves et les aider à devenir de meilleurs citoyens. L'équipe responsable de « Our House », formée de membres du personnel et d'élèves, conçoit du matériel et organise des activités qui nous permettent d'explorer l'histoire et la culture de différents peuples et qui nous incitent à être davantage conscients de la portée de nos paroles et de nos gestes. Voici quelques thèmes que l'école a récemment abordés :

Sensibilisation à la déficience intellectuelle et au handicap physique | Religions du monde | Histoire des Noirs | Culture québécoise | Histoire et culture juives | Genres et sexualités

About the Student Success Centre

Diversity in all its forms is embraced at Selwyn House, including the diverse ways in which our students learn. We believe that students have the right to personalized pedagogical approaches that foster academic success. Our Student Success Centre (SSC) offers boys a welcoming and safe environment in which they receive support through measures that promote active learning and engagement. The SSC Endowment Fund ensures that we can meet the needs of our diverse learners, build our resources, and provide ongoing professional development opportunities for our teachers.



À propos du Centre de réussite scolaire

À Selwyn House, nous encourageons la diversité sous toutes ses formes, y compris les divers modes d'apprentissage de nos élèves. Nous croyons que chaque élève a le droit d'avoir accès à des approches pédagogiques personnalisées, visant à assurer son succès. Le Centre offre aux garçons le soutien dont ils ont besoin et applique des mesures faisant la promotion de l'apprentissage actif et de la participation – le tout dans un environnement accueillant et sécuritaire. Le Fonds de dotation du Centre de réussite scolaire nous permet de répondre aux besoins de nos divers apprenants, de développer nos ressources, et d'offrir des possibilités de perfectionnement professionnel continu à nos enseignants.

Opening minds through our indigenization process Ouvrir les esprits par le biais de notre processus d'autochtonisation

Since the publication of Canada's Truth and Reconciliation Commission's report in 2015, there has been an awakening to the true history of Canada, as well as the contemporary issues that Indigenous peoples face across our nation. Our awakening here at Selwyn House has been many years in the making. Through a multi-year indigenization process, our vision is to incorporate Indigenous ways of knowing, being, doing, and relating into the educational, organizational, cultural, and social structures of the school. In 2019, we formed an Indigenous Student Committee, and our most recent catalyst for change has come from lessons learned in the development of our outdoor education program. To that end, we began working with Wáhiakatste Diome-Deer, educational consultant. For many months, she has been collaborating with our Director of Experiential Education, Courtney Prieur, and our Coordinator of Outdoor Education, Cory Deegan, to develop concrete objectives for meaningful change. Indigenization benefits all of us. Through this process, the Selwyn House community will gain a richer understanding of the world and of our place within it, as we commit to a more just future for all. —

Depuis la publication du rapport de la Commission de vérité et réconciliation du Canada en 2015, on assiste à une prise de conscience de la réalité historique du Canada et des enjeux et réalités auxquels doivent faire face les peuples autochtones dans l'ensemble du pays. Ici, à Selwyn House, il y a de nombreuses années que nous sommes sensibilisés à la question autochtone. Notre vision est d'incorporer à notre programme les façons autochtones de savoir, d'être, de faire et d'interagir avec les structures éducatives, organisationnelles, culturelles et sociales de l'école, grâce à un processus d'autochtonisation s'échelonnant sur plusieurs années. En 2019, nous avons fondé le Comité élève autochtone, et le catalyseur de changement le plus récent trouve son origine dans les enseignements tirés lors de l'élaboration de notre programme éducatif de plein air. A cette fin, nous avons amorcé une collaboration avec Wáhiakatste Diome-Deer, consultante pédagogique. Depuis plusieurs mois, elle collabore avec Courtney Prieur, Directrice de l'enseignement expérientiel, Cory Deegan, coordonnateur de l'Éducation de plein air, pour définir des objectifs concrets, menant à de véritables changements. Nous bénéficiions tous de l'autochtonisation. En effet, tout au long de ce processus, l'ensemble de la communauté de Selwyn House acquerra une meilleure compréhension du monde et de la place que nous y occupons. Avec cette approche, nous nous engageons à bâtir un avenir plus juste pour tous.



At the 2021 Graduation Ceremony, the Diome-Deer family presented a framed two-row wampum to Selwyn House School. This woven belt symbolizes the agreement and conditions under which the Iroquois welcomed the settler peoples to this land. Pictured: Thiréhtha Diome-Deer '21 (right) with sister Wáhiakatste (left), and Courtney Prieur (centre).

Lors de la cérémonie de remise des diplômes en 2021, la famille Diome-Deer a remis à l'école Selwyn House un wampum à deux rangs encadré. Cette ceinture tissée symbolise l'entente et les conditions au titre desquelles les Iroquois accueillaient les peuples colonisateurs sur cette terre. Sur la photo : Thiréhtha Diome-Deer '21 (à droite) en compagnie de sa sœur Wáhiakatste (à gauche), ainsi que Courtney Prieur (au centre).

— What opening doors and opening minds means to our community

Notre fils adorait l'école, mais il allait devoir passer dans une école francophone pour son secondaire. Nous sommes ravis qu'il puisse maintenant rester ici, dans cet environnement exceptionnel.

Coming from a francophone background, we are grateful that students won't face obstacles anymore. The choice of school should be focused on the best interest of the child only.

NATALIA PERRON AND KARIM AHDAB
Current Parents



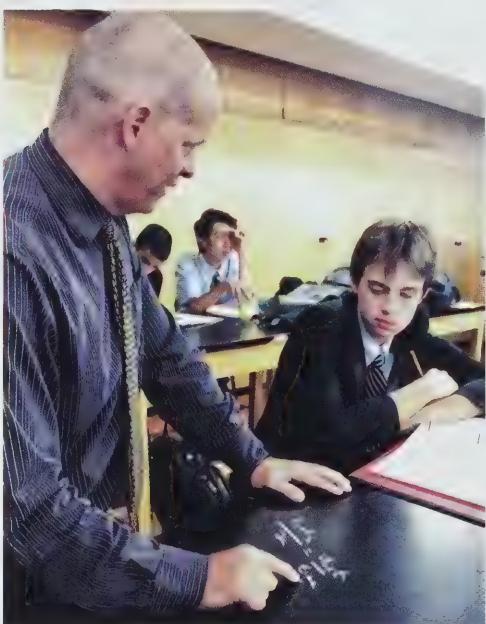
Ce n'est pas une école, c'est une famille.

MARIE-EVE THERIAULT
Chef du département de français - Secondaire



We're so grateful that our son is able to attend Selwyn House. We couldn't have afforded it without financial aid. He's thriving. We can't imagine him at any other school!

ANONYMOUS



Excellence is a continuum, not a destination. We're just continuing down a path that keeps going.

BRENDA MONTGOMERY
Director of Academic Innovation and Growth



A winning team is not made up of players who all have the same mindset and skill set. It's made up of players who each have their own unique talents.

ANTHONY LUKCA
Physical Education Teacher and Coach



La diversité est un aspect positif dans notre monde et le programme que nous offrons enseigne aux élèves d'accepter tout le monde exactement pour qui ils sont.

NATHALIE GERVAIS
Directrice des admissions

Ça va nous permettre de représenter la vraie vie. SHS deviendra une communauté plus représentative du monde extérieur.

JULIE COTÉ
Spécialiste en musique et professeur d'informatique



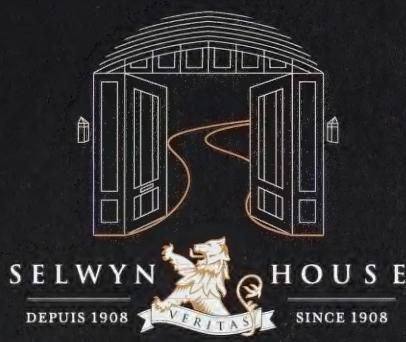
I applaud SHS for engaging the theme of inclusivity at school. It has now become more important than ever that we sensitize our children to be compassionate, kind and to listen to others without judgement.

LINDA CADLOFF RICHMAN
Alumni Parent



This campaign is being led by a team of
Selwyn House parents, grandparents and alumni.
We thank them for their time and dedication.

Cette campagne est menée par une équipe de parents,
grands-parents et d'anciens élèves de Selwyn House.
Nous les remercions pour leur temps et leur dévouement.



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Come back to campus in October and reconnect with former teachers and friends.
Share stories over dinner and drinks.

All Old Boys, their guests, and former and current staff are welcome.

We hope to see many of you celebrating a special anniversary year
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For more information, contact the Advancement Office at 514-931-9481 ext. 2292

5:00 p.m. Tours of SHS campus

6:00 p.m. Cocktails

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9:00-10:30 p.m. Pub (Cash Bar)

Tickets: \$65

\$30 for recent grads (2016-2020)

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